LINKEDIN ACTIVITY

Objective

The objective of this LinkedIn activity is to empower students to create a professional and engaging LinkedIn profile that effectively showcases their skills, experiences, and personal brand. By the end of the activity, students should be able to:

- 1. Understand the purpose and benefits of having a LinkedIn profile.
- 2. Create a comprehensive and well-organized profile that highlights their qualifications and achievements.
- 3. Develop a professional headline and summary that effectively represent their personal brand.
- 4. Utilize various sections and features of LinkedIn to enhance their visibility and network with professionals in their field.
- 5. Understand the importance of maintaining an active and professional presence on LinkedIn.

Assignment

Develop a LinkedIn Profile following the LinkedIn Profile Checklist.

- Add a professional photo. Don't have one? Stop by the UGA Career Center for a <u>free</u> <u>professional photo</u>.
- Use keywords relevant to your field or industry to improve the discoverability of your profile.
- Regularly update and maintain your profile with new experiences, skills, and accomplishments.
- Engage with your network by sharing insightful articles, commenting on posts, and participating in relevant discussions.
- Connect with professionals in your field, industry leaders, and peers to expand your network and build valuable connections.
- Personalize connection requests with a brief message explaining your interest in connecting.
- Seek opportunities to join industry-related groups and actively participate in discussions to showcase your expertise.
- Regularly review and update your privacy settings to control who can view your profile and information.

Resources

- LinkedIn Profile Checklist https://career.uga.edu/uploads/documents/alumni/LinkedInProfileChecklist.pdf
- UGA Free Professional Photo Booth https://career.uga.edu/professional photo booth
- How to Leverage LinkedIn https://career.uga.edu/leverage linkedin
- Meet with a Career Consultant for a LinkedIn Profile Review https://career.uga.edu/appointments