# SOPHOMORE **INVESTIGATE 4-YEAR CAREER ACTION PLAN**

### **RESEARCH CAREER & INDUSTRY**

#### **LEARN ABOUT INDUSTRIES**

Vault Career Insider Guides provide company profiles, industry reviews, profession descriptions, salary reports and more.

Complete an externship to learn more about the industry and build your network.

#### **ANALYZE JOB** DESCRIPTIONS

O\*NET OnLine provides condensed job descriptions, including tasks and activities, skills and interests, and other pertinent information.

Additional useful websites include: Glassdoor, indeed and LinkedIn.

#### CONDUCT **INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS**

Learn more about roles and industries from professionals in the field.

Read the Informational Interviews Guide on the CCD website and join the OWL Career Mentor Network (LinkedIn).

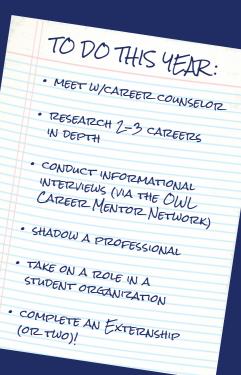
#### FIND **OPPORTUNITIES**

Search RICElink and iNet for opportunities. Externships are great ways to expose yourself to companies that may interest you.

Utilize your network to discover opportunities on the "hidden job market."

### **UNDECLARED? QUESTIONING YOUR MAJOR?**

- A major must be declared by the end of this year.
- Make an appointment with one of our counselors to explore majors fitting your interests, skills, values and personality.
- Evaluate the classes you have taken and determine the ones that most interest you.
- Talk to faculty and students in your major(s) of interest to learn more about that major.
- Not sure what you're interested in? Make an appointment to take the Strong Interest Inventory.





### **EXPLORE ACADEMIC RESOURCES**

### **ENROLL IN UNIV 212**

Explore interests and career options if you are not sure what to pursue after graduation.

CONSIDER GRADUATE SCHOOL OPTIONS If your career path requires a graduate degree, visit the Office of Academic Advising.

**DISCOVER THE GATEWAY PROGRAM** The Gateway Program provides social science students with opportunities to put what they learn in

the classroom to work in real life. **USE CLASS PROJECTS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE** 

Choose topics relevant to career goals to expand your resume and academic accomplishments.

### **EXPAND YOUR EXPERIENCES**

#### DEVELOP **LEADERSHIP SKILLS** Take on an active role in a student organization.

#### **PARTICIPATE IN AN EXTERNSHIP** Explore industries and employers through these

job shadowing experiences

**APPLY TO BE A PEER CAREER ADVISOR** Serve as an ambassador

for the CCD, and get training in professional communication skills.

## PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS

#### **WORKSHOPS** Improve skills in resume writing, interviewing and

networking.

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FAIR** Find academic opportunities beyond the classroom.

CAREER & **INTERNSHIP EXPOS** Network with recruiters and learn about industries.

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