



SOPHOMORE INVESTIGATE

4-YEAR CAREER ACTION PLAN

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 STAY CONNECTED WITH CCD

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INTERACT WITH ALUMNI

Join the OWL Career Mentor Network



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RICE

Center for Career Development

