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Eight Semester Career Readiness Guide

Career Planning Options for your Eight Semesters at the University of Florida

Planning for life after graduation can be overwhelming and sometimes confusing, but it is also exciting to think about the possibilities. This Eight Semester Career Readiness Guide provides important action items to empower your career development. Use the following eight semester plan to guide the choices you make academically and professionally.

Remember, this list is just a place to get you started. Careers are flexible and adaptable, so you may need to make adjustments or revisit certain action items throughout your time in college.

The Career Connections Center (C3) can provide individual support through Career Planning activities including one-on-one appointments, drop-in visits and group programs. The C3 is here to help you bridge inspiration to action.

Visit career.ufl.edu for more information and to access a comprehensive library of resources.



Semester One

Access your Gator CareerLink account during your first month of classes to gain immediate access to schedule Career Planning Appointments, view the calendar of events, as well as explore job and internship options via the job board. You can access Gator CareerLink here: career.ufl.edu/gcl

Identify your points of contact for your academic and career planning. Your C3 career coaches and your college's academic advisors are happy to help you plan your classes and activities at UF so you are prepared after graduation.

If you are unsure of your major, take the online assessment tool, CHOMP (Career Help Or Major Planning) at career.ufl.edu/chomp. You can also discuss your results with a C3 career coach if you need more information, clarification or next steps.

Attend the Majors & Minors Fair and chat with faculty and representatives from a variety of academic departments to learn more about the wide range of majors and minors offered at UF.

Participate in at least one meaningful experience (e.g. part time job, volunteering, research, student organization, shadowing, internship, informational interview). This will help you begin developing your career readiness competencies. If you choose not to participate this semester - be sure to identify opportunities for future involvement.

To learn more about competencies, visit: career.ufl.edu/developprofessionally.

Attend your first Career Showcase or another Career Fair to get ideas of career options and learn what employers are looking for in a UF student. Attending recruiting events early is essential. Talk to at least one employer to practice your professional communication skills. Attend one of our C3 sessions on how to navigate career fairs prior to the fair to ensure you are prepared.

Career Readiness Competencies

Communication

Teamwork

Critical Thinking

Sense of Self

Plan early for meaningful summer activities. You can attend the Summer Experience Fair or meet with an academic advisor to discuss summer courses to get started. If you are thinking about studying abroad over the summer, attend the Study Abroad Fair or meet with a Study Abroad Advisor to discuss program options, plans and deadlines early in the semester.

Repeat this step in the following semesters:



Come visit the Career Connections Center! Our 30,000-square-foot facility located in the Reitz Union is equipped with state-of-the-art conference and interview rooms and study spaces to serve all UF students.

Semester Two

Visit the Career Communities pages on career.ufl.edu to begin exploring your career interests. On the Career Communities pages, you will find tailored resources to help you connect your academic major and college to potential options to gain experience as a student. Explore specific career options and niche job boards to get ideas of how to prepare for your career path.

Continue to participate in at least one meaningful experience (e.g. part-time job, volunteering, research, student organization, shadowing, internship, informational interview) that will help you begin developing your career readiness competencies.