

CENTER FOR CREATIVITY & CAREERS

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Four Years to Make It Happen

The path to an engaging and rewarding career begins with the plan. Tap into a wealth of knowledge and resources to help you achieve and surpass your goals. You want a career rather than a job and the steps in this plan will significantly improve your ability to explore and identify strengths and values, engage with content and individuals that will help provide context to your exploration, and employ the knowledge gained to help identify a fulfilling career.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Shift your focus from transition to progression. Sophomore year is a time when most students declare a major and begin to engage more deeply with those topics or areas that are of interest. Students should also begin the process of internship/grad school preparation including creating a resume and/or CV, completing a job shadow or informational interview and, making connections in an effort to expand your professional network.

- Attend a career related program or event, especially career fairs and networking events.
- Meet with staff in the Center for Creativity and Careers to talk about career options, majors, summer jobs and internships.
- Continue your involvement with extracurricular activities for personal and professional development with an eye towards leadership opportunities as a Junior or Senior.
- Participate in volunteer opportunities on campus or within your community.
- Join a professional organization relevant to your major.
- Reflect on your values, interests, skills and abilities and think critically about potential career paths.
- If you're ready, declare a major and map out your remaining time at Coe with your faculty advisor to ensure you're meeting all departmental and college requirements.
- Evaluate the long term prospects for your desired career or field of study to determine viability and consider other possible options.
- Consider your Facebook or Twitter from the perspective of an employer.
- Consider adding a minor or emphasis to your academic plan or possibly studying abroad to expand your knowledge and experiences.
- Partner with the Center for Creativity and Careers to arrange for an informational interview or job shadow with someone in a possible future career.
- Continue to communicate with your Alumni Mentor or seek out a mentor if you haven't identified one already.
- Login to your Coe Connections account to see what internships or jobs are available.
- Continue using LinkedIn to network with professionals in your field of interest, connect with alumni, and learn more about different organizations.
- Identify potential internships/externships and apply to ones of interest.
- Talk to the Center for Creativity and Careers or your Faculty Advisor about ways to complete your Academic Practicum requirement.