

# Career Development Plan

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Center

	BEGINNING OF ACADEMIC CAREER	MID ACADEMIC CAREER	END OF ACADEMIC CAREER
ACADEMICS	<b>Select</b> a major. <b>Meet</b> with your academic advisor. <b>Take</b> a wide range of courses.	<b>Meet with advisor</b> regularly. <b>Take career prep</b> course in major.	<b>Complete degree check.</b> <b>Take</b> graduate exams.
CAREER PREPARATION	<b>Meet</b> with career center. <b>Activate</b> Handshake account. <b>Create</b> a college resume.	<b>Refine resume.</b> <b>Write</b> a cover letter. <b>Search for</b> internship. <b>Make plans for</b> graduate school or career search.	<b>Apply</b> for graduate school and/or full-time positions. <b>Refine</b> application materials. <b>Update</b> Handshake.
NETWORKING	<b>Conduct</b> informational interviews. <b>Create</b> LinkedIn profile.	<b>Attend</b> career fairs. <b>Participate in</b> career center workshops. <b>Grow</b> network on LinkedIn.	<b>Reach out</b> to connections to follow-up on leads and ask for references.
EXTRA-CURRICULAR	<b>Attend</b> career center events. <b>Participate</b> in student organizations. <b>Explore</b> out of class opportunities.	<b>Actively engage</b> in college & department events. <b>Take on leadership</b> roles.	<b>Practice</b> mock interviews. <b>Craft</b> your personal narrative and brand.
SUMMER	<b>Get experience</b> - work part or full time, volunteer, or work on independent projects.	<b>Complete an</b> internship, research, or volunteer experience.	<b>Plan transition</b> to your next steps.