



B.S. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Each year of this plan includes milestones that support the four pillars of career development — self-discovery, exploration, experience, and action. These milestones are here to guide you, not limit you — your journey may move at a different pace, and that's completely okay.

YEAR 1 | BUILD FOUNDATIONS

- Visit [Garnet Gate](#) & the August Student Org Fair to explore clubs or orgs for your major
- Check the [major map](#) and understand the [biological sciences curriculum](#)
- Explore [success/support](#) options and [Office of Student Advocacy](#)
- Explore [Biological Sciences employers](#) & what you can do with your major 🧐
- Review your specific interests & next steps by meeting with a MCAS CC & looking at the [What Can I Do with This Major?](#) page
- Attend the [Part-Time Job Fair, All Majors Fair & STEM Job/Internship Fair](#) in the fall/spring to understand relevant employers and fair etiquette
- Identify your career goals & take [career & personality assessments](#) to understand your skills, interests, values and strengths
- Explore biological sciences major [learning outcomes](#) to understand your goals for this major and the future
- Explore your options to see where Biological Sciences alumni are working & what skills they have developed 🧐
- Get involved to build on the [eight Career Competencies](#) employers look for
- Meet with MCAS CC to discuss a 4-year plan and create a collegiate resume
- Consider volunteering with [Science Buddies](#) or [Students 2 Science](#), and connect with the [Leadership and Service Center](#) on campus

YEAR 2 | EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES

- Take [GradStats](#) Personality Assessment & review Custom Personality Report
- Reflect on career goals and how they have evolved, and review skills to see what areas need more development 🧐
- Consider a [minor](#) and take courses that will expand your skills
- Attend events hosted by graduate/professional schools, employers, and the Career Center to learn about different career paths and gain career skills
- Attend [career fairs](#) to gain exposure to programs/jobs
- Explore [study abroad](#) for a global perspective
- Explore [Beyond the Classroom](#)
- Explore [research](#) related to your interest
- Start looking for a summer internship or fall/spring co-op 🧐
- Participate in job shadowing, and participate in a formal mentoring program using [Mentorship Hub](#)
- Talk about your personal brand, goals & next steps with a CC or PPA
- Practice mock interviewing online or with your CC
- Start or continue volunteering with organizations
- Further explore your career interest by utilizing LinkedIn's [USC Alumni Page](#) to connect with alumni & professionals in your field

YEAR 3 | FIND FOCUS

- Check in with your academic advisor to ensure you are on track for graduation
- Discuss with a CC or PPA how your 2nd year & summer experiences have better equipped you for success and to reflect on how your skills & experiences can be represented in professional documents and applications
- Secure a summer internship/co-op, micro-internship, [job shadowing](#), practicum, clinical experiences, or other experiential learning opportunity that will make you competitive for future opportunities
- Explore courses, trainings, or certifications to enhance your employability
- Attend employer, professional or graduate school panels, workshops, & immersion experiences to network & learn
- Follow employers of interest 🧐
- Connect with faculty, staff, or former supervisors on [LinkedIn](#) and ask them to write you a recommendation
- Prepare for entrance exams (GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, etc.)
- Contact the [Pre-Professional & Graduate School Advising](#) team for help with specific admission requirements for graduate/professional schools
- Review your online presence on social media and networking platforms
- If Graduate school is in your future utilize the resources located in the [CC Toolkit](#) and in our [Cocky Career Guides](#)
- If not attending grad school, meet with a CC to explore various career options

YEAR 4 | PREPARE FOR LAUNCH

- Reflect on & update your profile/professional documents online 🧐
- Meet with a CC or PPA to reflect on how you want to prepare & approach your final year
- Research online to know more about the companies and positions you are interested in, and explore career paths, job titles, & estimated salaries 🧐
- Have a senior audit with your academic advisor to make sure you meet graduation requirements
- Attend events & fairs to gain information about specific jobs, programs & opportunities
- Ask your key connections to write letters of support or serve as references
- Join professional associations, organizations or online forums related to career interests or major
- Join groups on LinkedIn about specific careers or topics of interest
- Apply to graduate/professional school programs and/or employment opportunities
- Engage in interview preparation & practice – create a document with your most relevant experiences and apply the STAR method
- Complete the graduation survey & tell USC about your post-graduation plans



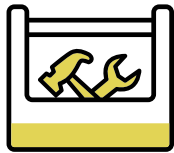
GAMECOCK GRADSTATS DATA



Average Annual Salary of USC
B.S. Biological Sciences Graduates*

\$60,825

* 5-7 years after graduation



Skills Employers Look for

(in no particular order)

Biology
Communication
Customer Service
Data Analysis
Data Management
Health Care
Laboratory Techniques
Leadership
Management
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Office
Patient Care
Problem Solving
Public Speaking
Sales



DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT TASKS!

- Build & update your [Handshake](#) profile.
- Create & update [professional documents](#) (resume, CV, references, etc.).
- [Schedule an appointment](#) with Career Coaches and/or Pre-Professional Advising staff.

» [DISCOVER EMPLOYERS HIRING YOUR MAJOR](#)

CAREER CENTER TOOLS

Check out the links below and explore all the tools the Career Center has to offer.

[CANDID CAREER](#) »»

Candid Career is our provider for thousands of video informational interviews with industry professionals. You can get real insight on careers, as well as tips to sharpen your the job search.

[CAREERSHIFT](#) »»

CareerShift is an online tool that allows you to search, select and store job listings from all job boards and all company job postings. You can also find up-to-date contact information for millions of companies.

[GAMECOCK GRADSTATS](#) »»

Explore the possibilities! Search & view USC students' post graduation career paths: where they work, skills they use, & how much they earn.

[HANDSHAKE](#) »»

Handshake is the Career Center's online resource for jobs, internships, events and employer connections. Handshake is also where you can find resources and make appointments with a career coach.

[INTERSTRIDE](#) »»

Interstride is a one-stop-shop that empowers you to thrive internationally.

[MENTORSHIP HUB](#) »»

Mentorship Hub is an online platform that connects the USC community. The platform provides career support, career resources, and an opportunity to mentor or seek mentorship.

[WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?](#) »»

Explore unexpected career possibilities for your degree and see how other students turned their major into amazing careers.

Other Campus Resource Links:

- [Academic Advising](#)
- [Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning](#)
- [Leadership and Service Center](#)
- [Office of Undergraduate Studies](#)
- [Undergraduate Research](#)

The Career Center realizes that every student has a unique journey during their time here at the University of South Carolina. All students move at different paces along different paths. We acknowledge your individual needs and will meet you at whatever stage you are in. This document is meant to serve as a milestones guide to help you plan your future and your goals.