



GENERAL PLAN FOR ALL MAJORS

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

- Use [career & personality assessments](#) to discover career interests, values, strengths & skills
- Identify your career goals
- Explore what you can do with your major 🧐
- Attend the Part-Time Job Fair and other Career Center [events](#)
- Attend the Student Org Fair to explore campus involvement
- Engage in extracurricular activities based on interest
- Build career competencies through focused academic coursework
- Watch [Candid Career](#) job shadowing videos
- Find experiences related to your goals/interests 🤝
- Review your personal brand, goals & next steps with a CC or PPA

YEAR 2 | EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES

- Identify skills gained & still needed for career success 🧐
- Revisit your career goals to see how they've evolved
- Talk with your AA about courses to expand skills
- Attend events hosted by graduate/professional schools or employers
- Attend career fairs
- Explore study abroad/exchange programs for a global exposure
- Pursue leadership & experience within student/professional organizations, conduct research, participate in civic engagements, etc.
- Take part in [job shadowing](#)
- Visit [MentorshipHub](#) to participate in a mentoring program
- Participate in opportunities to enhance career goals (internships/co-op, research, study abroad, etc.)
- Review your personal brand, goals & next steps with a CC or PPA
- Practice mock interviewing

YEAR 3 | FIND FOCUS

- Discuss with a CC or PPA how your experiences so far have equipped you for success
- Showcase skills and experiences in professional documents & applications
- Explore courses, trainings, or certifications to enhance employability
- Attend employer, professional or graduate school panels, workshops, & immersion experiences
- Follow employers of interest online 🤝
- Seek internships, practicum, clinical experiences, etc.
- Prepare for entrance exams (GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, etc.)
- Contact graduate/professional schools for admission requirements & contact the [Pre-Professional & Graduate School](#) team for assistance
- Participate in opportunities to enhance career goals (internships/co-op, research, study abroad, etc.)
- Review your online social media presence
- Identify faculty, staff or supervisors who can be references

YEAR 4 | PREPARE FOR LAUNCH

- Review & update your profile/professional documents 🤝
- Meet with a CC or PPA to prepare an approach for your final year
- Explore career paths, job titles, & estimated salaries 🧐
- Have a senior audit with your AA to verify graduation requirements
- Attend events & fairs for info about specific jobs, programs & opportunities
- Ask key connections to write recommendation letters or serve as references for you
- Join professional associations or online forums related to career interests or major
- Tap into various resources (online and in-person) to search for jobs 🤝
- Apply to graduate/professional schools and/or employment opportunities
- Practice mock interviewing
- Complete the graduation survey & share your post-graduation plans



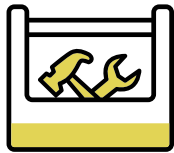
GAMECOCK GRADSTATS DATA



Average Annual Salary
of USC Graduates*

\$73,271

* 5-7 years after graduation



Skills Employers Look for

(in no particular order)

Communication
Customer Service
Data Analysis
Digital Marketing
Leadership
Management
Marketing
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Office
Organization Skills
Project Management
Public Speaking
Sales
Social Media Management
Social Media Marketing



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.