

4-YEAR STUDENT CAREER PLAN



	KNOW YOURSELF
1ST YEAR: BUILDING FOUNDATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use career or self-assessments to discover career interests, values, strengths & skills Identify your career goals
2ND YEAR: EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify skills gained & still needed for career success Revisit your career goals to see how they've evolved
3RD YEAR: FINDING FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with a CC or PPA how your experiences so far have equipped you for success Showcase skills and experiences in professional documents & applications
4TH YEAR: PREPARING FOR LAUNCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & update your profile/professional documents Meet with a CC or PPA to prepare an approach for your final year

EXPLORE OPTIONS

- Explore what you can do with your major
- Attend the Part-Time Job Fair
- Attend the Student Org Fair to explore campus involvement
- 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
- Explore courses, trainings, or certifications to enhance employability
- Attend employer, professional or graduate school panels, workshops, & immersion experiences
- Follow employers of interest online
- 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

ENGAGE & EXPERIENCE

- Engage in extracurricular activities based on interest
- Build career competencies through focused academic coursework
- Watch [Candid Career](#) job shadowing videos
- 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
- 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
- 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

TAKE ACTION & REFLECT

- Find experiences related to your goals/interests
- Review your personal brand, goals & next steps with a CC or PPA
- Participate in opportunities to enhance career goals (internships/co-op, research, study abroad, etc.)
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- Practice mock interviewing
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- Review your online social media presence
- Identify faculty, staff or supervisors who can be references
- Apply to graduate/professional schools and/or employment opportunities
- Practice mock interviewing
- Complete the graduation survey & share your post-graduation plans

Legend	CC Career Coach	Handshake
	PPA Pre-Professional Advisor	Big Interview
	AA Academic Advisor	Gamecock GradStats

GAMECOCK GRADSTATS DATA

Average Annual Salary of USC Graduates*

\$74,837

* 5-10 years after graduation



Skills Employers Look for

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Leadership | Teamwork |
| Public Speaking | Strategic Planning |
| Management | Interpersonal Communication |
| Research | Data Analysis |
| Marketing | Teaching |



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 & Graduate School Advising staff.

»» [DISCOVER EMPLOYERS HIRING YOUR MAJOR](#)

CAREER CENTER TOOLS

Follow the links provided to explore all of the tools that the Career Center has to offer.

[BIG INTERVIEW](#) »»

Big Interview is the Career Center's online practice interview resource that allows students & alumni to conduct a mock interview on their own time, accessing thousands of questions that are broken out into general, behavioral & technical questions.

[CANDID CAREER](#) »»

Candid Career is the premier provider of thousands of informational video interviews featuring industry professionals. Students & alumni can get the inside scoop on careers, as well as advice that will provide an edge in the job search.

[CAREERSHIFT](#) »»

CareerShift is an online tool that allows students to search, select and store job listings from all job boards and all company job postings. Students & alumni 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 students can find resources and make appointments with a career coach.

[INTERSTRIDE](#) »»

Interstride is a one-stop-shop that empowers students 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.

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.