Your Career Action Plan: 2\textsuperscript{nd} Year

By second year, you know the campus and Indiana University environment quite well. On the agenda this year: making some big decisions. One of those is choosing a major; the other is considering a summer internship. Here’s how to get started.

**Define Your Academic Path**

☐ **Explore your interests.**

There is still time to explore academic interests. Talk with your academic advisor if you haven’t settled on a major.

☐ **Learn about your strengths and transferable skills.**

With one year of college completed, you are in a position to better understand your strengths and skills. To find out how they may map to potential careers, schedule an appointment with a career coach to discuss how to identify and communicate.

☐ **Deepen involvement in extracurricular activities.**

Think about the skills gained from each activity you participated in last year. If you haven’t become involved yet, now’s the time to begin volunteer work, or join a student organization. This helps you build skills and leadership experience that future employers or graduate admissions committees find valuable when considering applicants. Consider taking on a leadership role.

**Make Career Connections**

☐ **Meet with us to create a plan and a solid resume.**

Your career coach can help you explore major and career options, review your resume, and develop a personalized plan for your internship search.

☐ **Attend career education programs and events.**

We offer several career education programs to help you build self-marketing skills and knowledge about a wide range of career fields. This includes career panels and special programs covering a variety of industries and interesting career paths.

☐ **Practice interviewing.**

Interviewing is a skill that can be enhanced with practice. Check out our events calendar for interview workshops and know mock-interview opportunities are available through one-on-one coaching and through InterviewStream.

☐ **Audit your online image.**

Take your online image to a more professional level. Explore and create your professional profile on LinkedIn, take a professional-grade photo at our career services office, and meet with your career coach or a peer mentor to learn the capabilities of this dynamic professional networking tool. While revisiting your online brand, audit your social media presence and remove content that could shape the opinion of a potential employer.
Plan for a Successful Internship

- Attend the Fall Career Expo & an industry-specific Career Focus Fair.

You can meet with a vast number of employers to learn more about internship programs at individual organizations at the Fall Career Expo. If you prefer a small-scale, more intimate networking environment, visit one of four industry-specific Focus Fairs including: 1) Sport & Business 2) Youth & Family, Safety and Social Service 3) Recreation, Park and Tourism 4) Health & Fitness.

- Apply for internships.

Meet with a career coach to discuss internship search strategies. Career Link and the Internship Portal can help facilitate your search. Meet with your department’s internship coordinator in advance if you will be seeking academic credit for the internship.