



YOUR CAREER PLAN

4-Year Professional Development
To-Do List for BYU–Hawaii Students

1ST YEAR

Your Career Plan

FRESHMAN YEAR

Self-Exploration and Goal Setting

- Evaluate academic major choices and consider meeting with professors or professionals in fields of interest.
- Explore course offerings and prerequisites for potential majors.
- Declare a major and concentrate on coursework related to career interests.

Academic Excellence

- Develop good study habits and time management skills.
- Seek assistance from professors, academic advisors, and tutoring services when needed.

Campus Engagement

- Join student organizations/clubs related to areas of interest or potential career paths.
- Attend career and graduate fairs, workshops, info sessions, and networking events to explore various industries.

Skill Building

- Take advantage of career development resources offered by the college, such as resume, cover letter, and interview workshops.
- Consider part-time jobs, internships, or volunteer opportunities to gain practical experience.

2ND YEAR

Your Career Plan

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Major Exploration

- Reflect on personal interests, values, and skills to identify potential career paths.
- Set academic and professional goals for the college journey.
- Identify specific skills or knowledge gaps and set goals to address them through coursework, workshops, or independent study.

Build Professional Networks

- Attend industry-specific conferences, seminars, or webinars to connect with professionals in desired fields.
- Utilize LinkedIn to build an online professional network and connect with alumni.

Internships and Experiential Learning

- Seek an On Campus Internship (OCI) class, internships or summer programs related to chosen career paths.
- Engage in research, projects, or community service opportunities to gain hands-on experience.

Skill Enhancement

- Take elective courses or workshops to develop skills relevant to career goals (e.g., leadership, communication, technology).
- Look at upcoming On Campus Internship (OCI) class and projects.

3RD YEAR

Your Career Plan JUNIOR YEAR

Specialization and Focus

- Seek out advanced courses or independent research opportunities to deepen knowledge in specific areas.
- Pursue specialized certifications or training programs that provide in-depth knowledge and expertise in specific areas of interest.

Professional Mentorship

- Find a mentor in the chosen field who can provide guidance and industry insights.
- Attend networking events and informational interviews to connect with professionals.

Career Preparation

- Update resumes, develop a professional online presence, and create a portfolio of relevant work or projects.
- Seek summer internships or co-op programs to gain industry-specific experience.
- Look at upcoming On Campus Internship (OCI) class and projects.

Graduate School Exploration

- Research graduate programs, admission requirements, and deadlines if considering further education.

4TH YEAR

Your Career Plan

SENIOR YEAR

Job Search and Application

- Attend career fairs and job expos to explore employment opportunities.
- Polish job application materials and practice interview skills.

Professional Development

- Attend industry conferences or workshops to stay updated on current trends and expand professional networks.
- Consider joining relevant professional associations or organizations.

Alumni Engagement

- Connect with alumni through networking events, mentorship programs, or alumni panels.
- Seek advice from recent graduates regarding job search strategies and transitioning to the workforce.

Transition to Employment or Grad School

- Finalize job or graduate school applications and make informed decisions based on offers received.
- Attend career development workshops on topics such as salary negotiation and workplace etiquette.



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REMEMBER

This is a general guideline,
and each student's journey
will differ.

It's essential to seek
guidance from academic
advisors, career services,
alumni, and professionals in
specific fields to tailor the
plan to individual goals and
aspirations.