

4-YEAR PLAN TO CAREER SUCCESS

SIUE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Career
Development
Center

Year One-Exploration

- Research majors and minors available at SIUE [here](#).
- Visit "[What Can I Do With This Major?](#)" webpage to learn more about career options within a specific major.
- Login to the [Cougar Jobline](#) and complete your profile. Upload a resume to your profile if you already have one.
- Schedule a career counseling appointment with a Career Counselor through the [Cougar Jobline](#) to explore career options.
- Explore your personality, interests, values, and skill set through career assessments.
- Collaborate with a Career Counselor to create/update a resume.

Year Two-Involvement

- Conceptualize your career plan with a Career Counselor.
- Connect with the [Kimmel Student Involvement Center](#) to explore student organizations and volunteer opportunities.
- Collaborate with a Career Counselor to create/update a resume. Obtain full access to the [Cougar Jobline](#).
- Find a mentor.
- Conduct informational interviews to learn more about different career paths.
- Schedule an appointment to shop the Cougar Career Closet.
- Attend CDC workshops, employer panels, career fairs, etc.
- NETWORK! Follow-up with connections you make.

Year Three-Experience

- Update your career plan and resume with a Career Counselor.
- Develop your LinkedIn profile.
- Consider pursuing a leadership role in a student organization.
- Attend CDC workshops, employer panels, career fairs, etc.
- Apply for internships, research opportunities, and study abroad experiences that interest you
- Collaborate with a Career Counselor to develop a job search strategy and begin 6-months prior to graduation.
- Schedule a mock interview appointment to practice your interviewing skills.
- Continue building your professional wardrobe.

Year Four-Transition

- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile with a Career Counselor.
- Participate in an internship, co-op, or volunteer experience.
- Attend CDC workshops, employer panel events, career fairs.
- Continue job searching and/or begin applying to Graduate School.
- Schedule a mock interview to practice your interviewing skills.
- Continue building your professional wardrobe.
- Evaluate job offers carefully before accepting. Discuss negotiation strategies with a Career Counselor.
- Remember that the CDC is available to alumni!