CAREER ADVISING
A Complement to Academic Advising

CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS
It is the goal of the Career Center to weave career development activities as seamlessly as possible into students’ Pacific experience. Research confirms that most students are undecided about majors and/or career direction. To help students connect majors to careers all undergraduates are assigned career advisors to help develop career plans to maximize their success at launching meaningful and rewarding careers upon graduation—if not before. Faculty are encouraged to refer students to career advising. Students can schedule their individual appointment with a career advisor at www.pacificu.edu/career. The following services—accessed through individual appointments and/or group presentations—support student efforts to develop and maintain an actionable Future Focus:

- Addressing Major/Career Decision Difficulties
- Translating Major Skills and Experience to Careers
- Administering Career Interest and Values Inventories
- Articulating the Value of a Liberal Arts Education
- Finding Part-Time and Summer Employment
- Developing a Suite of Application Material
- Locating and Leveraging an Internship
- Launching a Full-Time Job Search
- Researching and Applying to Graduate Schools
- Connecting to Alumni and Other Professionals
- Optimizing the Work-Study Experience
- Identifying Dependable Strengths for Interviews

CAREER EXPLORATION COURSE
PACU-200 Two Credit Class
- This course helps students critically examine and articulate career interests, strengths, and work values
- Students research industries, occupations, individual employers, and meet with professionals for informed career conversations

CAREER ACTIVITIES FOR THE CLASSROOM
The Career Center works directly with faculty to coordinate:
- Class speakers from private sector and government agencies
- Alumni panels to discuss using their liberal arts skills at work
- Speakers from professional associations to address specific issues
- Field trips to top local and regional organizations and employers

CDC staff are willing and able to lead class sessions on:
- Addressing Career Making Decision Difficulties
- Articulating Academic Achievements
- Crafting Competitive Résumés and Cover Letters
- Creating a Personal Statement or Letter of Application
- How to Obtain Great References
- Internships & Beyond
- Leveraging Your Senior Project in Your Job Search
- Managing the Graduate School Application Process
- Networking: Entry into the Hidden Job Market
- Preparing a Post-Grad Career Plan
- Strength-Based Interviewing
- The Value of a Liberal Arts Degree

CAREER EVENTS
The Career Center host many events in partnership with academic departments, clubs, and local organizations:
- Career Lab: Facilitating Career Decisions via E-portfolio
- Career Launch: A Team Sport
- Careers in Mathematics
- Careers in Science
- First Avenue Career & Graduate School EXPO
- GRE Preparation
- Health Professions EXPO
- Individual Site Visits i.e. Mercy Corps
- International Career EXPO
- Interviewing & Negotiating Skills for Women
- Junior Junction: Things to do Now and Later
- Major Crises: Choosing and Using Your Major
- Major Quest Featuring Exemplary Major Delegates
- Networking in the Grove: Dinner and a Drink
- Real Scoop on Graduate School
- Recruiter Information Sessions (JET, Peace Corps, TFA, etc.)
- Résumé Consultation
- Senior Countdown to Graduation
- Senior Tailgate
- Skills Articulation: Identifying and Using What You Have
- Social Sciences: Meet the Professionals (bi-annual)
- Work & Service Fairs (first Thursday of each semester)

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