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 seamlessly into students' experience at Pacific. Research confirms that most college students are undecided about majors and/or career direction at some point. At Pacific University all undergraduate students are assigned a career advisor to help develop individual career plans to maximize their success at launching meaningful and rewarding careers upon graduation—if not before. Faculty and staff are encouraged to recommend career advising when students express concern over choosing a major or making post grad plans. Students can schedule their individual career advising appointment at www.pacificu.edu/career. The following services—delivered via individual meetings and/or group presentations—support student efforts to develop and take intentional next steps through active career exploration and planning:

- Addressing Major/Career Decision Difficulties
- Translating Academic Experience to Careers
- Administering Career Interest and Values Inventories
- Articulatiing 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

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, employers via online and in person sources and present their findings in a Major Career Report

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
- Exploring Internships & Beyond
- Leveraging Your Senior Project in Your Job Search
- Managing the Graduate School Application Process
- Networking: Entry into the Hidden Job Market
- Obtaining Great References
- Preparing a Post-Grad Career Plan
- Strength-Based Interviewing

CAREER EVENTS

The Career Center host many events in partnership with academic departments, clubs, and local organizations:

- Alumni Insight: Learning Conversations about Careers
- Career Lab: Facilitating Career Decisions via E-portfolio
- Career Launch: A Team Sport
- Careers that Count: Mathematics Alumni Panel
- First Avenue Career & Graduate School EXPO
- GRE Preparation
- Individual Site Visits
- International Careers
- Internship EXPO
- Interviewing & Negotiating Skills for Women
- Major Crises: Choosing and Using Your Major
- Major Quest: Putting Your Major to Work
- Networking in the Grove: Dinner and a Drink
- RA Skills Analysis: Deconstructing a Job Description
- Recruiter Information Sessions (JET, Peace Corps, TFA, etc.)
- Résumé Consultation
- Science Careers: Alumni Panel
- Senior Tailgate
- Skills Articulation: Identifying and Using What You Have
- Social Sciences: Meet the Professionals
- Work & Service Fairs (first Thursday of each semester)

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