

CREATING A PATH TO A MAJOR AND/OR A CAREER
Declared Majors – Undeclared Majors

<u>FRESHMEN</u>	<u>SOPHOMORES</u>	<u>JUNIORS</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>
<p>Goal: Explore diverse majors and/or career opportunities; become informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk with academic advisor or department chair/career counselors. • Take a core course that interests you. • Attend Major Exploration Fair, October, fall semester, to gather information about the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Various majors/minors and their requirements. ➤ Career paths in a particular major. ➤ Professional schools and their requirements. ➤ Job market in foreseeable future. ➤ Options for study abroad and service learning. • Discuss career information with academic advisor. • Visit CSC counselor and discuss services available to assist students with career choices. • Continue to search, discuss, and collaborate with academic advisor to arrive at a major/minor, or change major and add minor; study abroad. 	<p>Goal: Explore, select, change, confirm majors/minors and/or college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss academic program with academic advisor. • Attend career workshop/forum for UDEC sophomores, others. • Attend various career workshops with career counselor (CSC) and take the Self-Directed Search Test; other tests. • Obtain web-based career information from career counselor; search web materials and discuss information with academic advisor. • Collaborate with career counselor and academic advisor upon completion of Self-Directed Search; other tests. • Map career path and select courses which lead toward a major, graduation. • Declare, chose a major/minor. • Explore information for possible volunteer opportunities, research opportunities, internships, co-ops, etc. • Take UNST 150 Career and Life Planning course (optional). • Plan for study abroad; research opportunities. 	<p>Goal: Plot individual career path – Declared majors only (Juniors in academic difficulty will continue to work with deans/academic advisor in Academic Advising Center or designated college).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for internships in collaboration with academic advisor and/or department chair and career counselor. • Work with career counselor to meet and network with possible employers. • Work with academic advisor to prepare for professional school, graduate programs. (Take GRE, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) • Volunteer in job related fields. • Work part-time in job related fields. • Continue to search web, other resources for possible careers and discuss options with academic advisor/career counselor. • Visit the eRecruiting job board. Log on and download the eRecruiting quick start guide. • Practice interview skills with career counselor. • Discuss remaining academic requirements for major/minor with academic advisor/dean. • Apply for graduation. 	<p>Goal: Finalize plans for graduation and enhance career choices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up plans for jobs, graduate/professional school, post-baccalaureate experience. • Do internship. • Do part-time work, volunteer service, research. • Practice interview skills, resumé writing with career counselor. • Make a list of reference/referrals • Meet with potential employer. • Review transcript to see that all requirements have been or are being met for graduation. • Retake any test for professional school to enhance score. • Attend campus recruiting visits. • Interview for possible job. • Evaluate job and/or graduate school offerings. • Take UNST 250 Job Search and Professional Prep course (optional).