



We help you translate your academic and co-curricular experience into professional skills and opportunities **FROM DAY ONE.**

WEINBERG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CAREER PLAN

SOPHOMORE YEAR

MAXIMIZE your NU experience by exploring all the resources available to you.

ASSESS

BEGIN to identify post-graduation opportunities most aligned with your interests, values, skills, and personality preferences, or meet with a career counselor to clarify your options.

REFLECT on what courses, activities, and experiential learning opportunities will allow you to gain desired professional skills and explore potential career options.

THINK about your career goals and what you have to offer employers (your strengths, skills, experiences), and begin to develop a narrative or “elevator speech” to use to engage employers and alumni.

CONTINUE to research 2-3 potential careers/industries using NCA online resources such as WetFeet, Vault, etc.

LEARN how to identify and communicate professionally with contacts in careers of interest by meeting with your career adviser.

EXPAND your knowledge of potential career options using the LinkedIn alumni tool to review the profiles of NU alumni who studied your major and/or work in an industry of interest.

SUPPLEMENT your online research by conducting 1-2 informational interviews each quarter with personal contacts, NU alumni, and industry experts in careers of interest.

INCREASE your leadership experience within your student organizations by chairing a committee, initiating a project, etc.

OBTAIN an experiential learning opportunity to gain exposure to a career field of interest and acquire work experience.

RESEARCH fellowship opportunities through the Office of Fellowships for junior and senior year; many fellowships require you to begin preparing during your sophomore year.

ATTEND industry-based career treks sponsored by WCAS Student-Alumni Engagement during reading week each quarter.

EXPLORE

DECIDE

DECIDE on academic major(s), minor(s), or certificate program(s); meet with University Academic Advising if you are considering an inter-school transfer.

IDENTIFY and begin to decide on appropriate summer experiential learning opportunities by the end of fall quarter, and meet with your career adviser to discuss/update your individualized career plan.

ATTEND career panels and events hosted by Weinberg departments and programs.

UPDATE your resume in CareerCat, incorporating professional skills and accomplishments from freshmen year experiences.

UPDATE your LinkedIn profile, connect with new personal contacts, and join groups and follow companies related to your career goals.

APPLY for relevant fellowship opportunities after meeting with the Office of Fellowships and your NCA career adviser.

EXPAND your professional network by attending networking events on or off-campus.

PARTICIPATE in NCA Internship & Job Fairs to make connections with employers, pursue specific internship opportunities, etc.

ACT

APPLY to summer experiential learning opportunities with targeted resume and cover letters; consider Chicago Field Studies (CFS), which is offered fall, winter, spring and summer.

IF CONSIDERING GRADUATE SCHOOL, begin developing relationships with at least 2 faculty members who may write recommendations in the future.