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KNOW YOURSELF

ASK:
Who am I? What am I good at? And, what do I enjoy?

TAKE ACTION:
- Make an appointment with a Career Counselor to complete a career test that explores my interests, strengths and personality
- Complete Major & Career Exploration Gator TRACS in iLearn or major & Career Exploration webinar
- Complete Personal Reflection Worksheet
- List your past jobs, awards, projects, experiences, etc. to build your resume - Resume Worksheet
- Schedule a quick resume check with a Peer Career Ambassador M/W/F: 12-2pm & T/Th: 4-6pm
- Activate your Handshake account & complete your profile
- Join the Gator Leadership Circle Program
- Watch CSLD webinar Creating a LinkedIn Profile and join LinkedIn
- Meet with an Undergraduate Academic Advisor from UAC to discuss majors and course selection

Graduate School:
- Explore Graduate Schools

REFLECTION:
- What new discovery did you learn about yourself as a college student?
- Is graduate school required for your career path?

EXPLORE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

ASK:
What careers align with my values, interests, personality and strengths?

TAKE ACTION:
- Make an appointment with a Career Counselor to have a focused session on majors and careers
- Complete Major & Career Exploration Gator TRACS in iLearn or attend Major & Career Exploration webinar
- Go to What Can I Do with This Major? and O*Net, Occupational Outlook Handbook or Zipjob to research common career pathways for a variety of majors
- Use Handshake to research job titles and companies
- Join Gator Connect and LinkedIn to start building your network with SF State alumni and other professionals
- Complete Networking Gator TRACS in iLearn or watch Professional Networking webinar
- Conduct an informational interview or job shadow with someone in your field of interest
- Visit the Institute for Civic and Community Engagement (ICCE) to learn more about service-learning classes and academic internships
- Take on a student leadership role on-campus or in your community
- Join the President’s Leadership Fellows Program for juniors and seniors
- Contact your College Resource Center, Career and Counseling Services, or your Faculty Advisor/Dept. Website for major advising

Graduate School:
- Explore Graduate Schools
- Learn more about graduate programs at SF State

REFLECTION:
- What are 3 career paths that you found interesting?
- Is graduate school required for your career path?

GET EXPERIENCE

ASK:
What practical experiences will improve my skills and clarify my career goals?

TAKE ACTION:
- Make an appointment with a Career Counselor to discuss strategies for obtaining an internship
- Update your resume
- Develop your elevator pitch
- Complete Networking Gator TRACS in iLearn or watch Professional Networking webinar
- Build your network and find a mentor on Gator Connect
- Create a Big Interview account to learn tips and complete video mock interviews
- Attend CSLD employer recruiting events (i.e., employer info sessions or fairs)
- Use platforms like Gator Connect and LinkedIn
- Meet with an Undergraduate Academic Advisor to discuss majors and course selection

Graduate School:
- Explore Graduate Schools
- Review & edit your application materials
- Research graduate/professional schools & admissions requirements
- Develop a personal statement
- Learn more about graduate programs at SF State
- Meet with a Graduate Advisor to explore SF State programs & application process

REFLECTION:
- What skills have you improved and what are your career or graduate school goals?
- How do your experiences help build on your career readiness competencies?

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

ASK:
How will I implement my career plan?

TAKE ACTION:
- Make an appointment with a Career Counselor to review all job application materials
- Complete Job & Internship Gator TRACS in iLearn or watch Job Search Strategies webinar
- Present your strengths and career readiness competencies in your elevator pitch
- Watch Perfecting the Interview webinar
- Conduct mock interviews on Big Interview
- Attend CSLD employer recruiting events (i.e., employer info sessions or fairs)
- Reach out to those in your network; use platforms like Gator Connect and LinkedIn
- Join professional associations in your field
- Contact your College Resource Center for general advising and/or your Faculty Advisor/Dept. Website for major advising

Graduate School:
- Attend SF State graduate application workshops
- Review & edit your application materials
- Gather letters of recommendations
- Prepare for admissions tests required of your program

REFLECTION:
- What is going well in your job search?
- What is not going well in your job search?
- What adjustments do you need to make to your career or graduate school plans?
- How do you continue to expand your professional development beyond your time at SF State?