Welcome Back Sophomores!

It’s your 2nd year at ESU, and you need to focus on choosing a major, and, if/when you have one selected, it’s time to develop a career focus. Hopefully you were able to meet with a Career Development Counselor last year to explore various careers and majors. If not, come see us ASAP!

It’s crucial to familiarize yourself with the potential career opportunities within that major. Remember the reason you’re in college—to earn a career in the field you’re interested in. I guess what we’re saying is—don’t pick a major simply because you like it, pick a major because you like the career opportunities associated with that major.

Check out the sophomore “to-do” list:

- **Research careers within your major and compare them to your career expectations.** Here are some examples of some things you should ask yourself about various careers:
  - Can I begin a career like this one with the type and level of degree that I will earn at ESU?
  - What is the everyday job experience like?
  - Is there room for advancement?
  - What is the starting salary?
  - What are the pros and cons of the specific career?
  - What is the outlook for this career? (i.e. will there be plenty of jobs available when I graduate?)
- If you haven’t used **WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?** You really should! Go to Career Development webpage [http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/](http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/)—a very informative, useful tool that links majors and careers.
- Start researching the type of internships that are out there in your field. **SECURE AN INTERNSHIP (or two) BEFORE YOU GRADUATE, EVEN IF IT’S NOT REQUIRED IN YOUR MAJOR!** Remember, most employers look for related experience when they hire employees. If you have none, your job could be given to someone else.
- If you haven’t visited **Warrior Careers** what are you waiting for?! This is your “one stop shop” to search for internship and career opportunities. Go to [http://warriorcareers.esu.edu](http://warriorcareers.esu.edu) and sign-on using your ESU login and password.
- **Prepare your first draft of your resume.** Visit us in the Career Development & Student Success office prior to starting to gather all the important “how-to’s” of resume writing. Then, come see us for revisions and suggestions. We love resume writing!!
- **Develop solid relationships with faculty.** Get to know them, and ensure they know you! These contacts may later serve as important references in your job search.
- **STUDY hard!** (We know you are)
  - “Like” us on Facebook! – we won’t clog up your newsfeed, and it’s a great way to receive info on internships and events. [http://www.facebook.com/ESUCareerServices](http://www.facebook.com/ESUCareerServices)
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*If you are doing an internship for credit, be sure to follow your department guidelines for approval prior to starting.*