

## CONNECT ON CAMPUS

*Students who are part of campus communities are more likely to stay in school and graduate on time.*

- Join an [on-campus club or organization](#).
- Connect with [identity-based communities](#) & [student support services](#).
- Get to know your professors, academic, career, and community advisors. Strong relationships with mentors build your confidence, your skills, and your opportunities.
- Begin your summer job search in March and April. *May and June are often too late.*

## DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTHS AND INTERESTS

*Knowing those makes it easier to choose a major (or change one)!*

- Work with [the Career Center](#) to start exploring your values, skills, and interests.
- Identify your preferences with a [career assessment](#).
- [Log in to Handshake](#) to complete your profile and career interests and apply for on-campus employment and other jobs and internships.
- [Volunteer](#) or [work on campus](#) to benefit your community and build experience and skills.

## EXPLORE MAJORS AND CAREERS

*Be curious. Talk to a lot of people. Almost everyone you've ever met doesn't know most of the jobs that exist and only know the surface of majors beyond their own.*

- Attend a [Career Center sponsored event](#).
- Complete your [Handshake](#) profile; then it will curate opportunities for you to explore.
- Speak with faculty and [career advisors](#) about majors and careers.
- Explore a variety of courses and subjects to better understand your current interests and maybe add some new ones.
- Draft a college level [resume](#) with the help of the Career Center.

## COMMIT TO YOUR STUDIES

- [Declare your major](#) by the end of this year to keep you on track to graduate.
- Meet with your academic advisor to ensure you have [a good plan for completing your degree](#).
- Get help with your courses from the [PLUS program](#), peer advisors, and instructors.
- Improve your writing skills with the [Writers' Center](#). *All college-requiring jobs* expect you to know how to communicate professionally in writing.
- Consider [studying abroad](#). Employers and graduate schools are eager for students with intercultural experience and communication skills.
- Start looking at graduate school options, if relevant.

## ENGAGE IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

*Going to class is very important, but it won't get you where you want to go by itself.*

- Learn by doing: [service-learning](#), [leadership](#), research.
- Volunteer independently or with the [Office of Community Engagement](#).
- International students: talk to [EWU Global](#) to understand CPT & OPT rules.

## BUILD CAREER AWARENESS

*Major isn't the same as job function or industry. You have many options.*

- Learn and polish your [professional etiquette](#).
- Participate in internship events, recruiting events, panels, and [workshops](#).
- Connect with alumni through the [Eagle Career Network](#), [EWU Alumni Association](#), [LinkedIn](#) or **job shadowing**.
- Check out helpful tools: [Big Interview](#)
- Update your [resume](#) to include any experiential education and leadership experiences you have completed.
- Learn how to write a [cover letter](#).

## EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Confirm your remaining degree requirements with your academic advisor and a [SOAR Audit](#).
- Participate in **academic conferences**, **challenge competitions**, and **projects pitches** to apply your skills and build your experience.
- [Research](#) and [apply](#) to graduate/professional program options.
- [Learn about and apply](#) to academic and service fellowships.
- Prepare for and take the [GRE](#), [LSAT](#), or [MCAT](#), if planning on a graduate school that requires one of these..

## CULTIVATE YOUR PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY

- Complete [at least one internship](#).
- Consider a **second internship**. You can never have too much experience!
- [Learn how to tailor your resume & cover letter](#) to specific audiences.
- Engage in [service-learning](#), [leadership](#), research.
- Attend [recruiting](#) and [networking events](#).
- Conduct [informational interviews](#) or **job shadow** with alumni in your field.
- Build intercultural fluency & communication skills across a range of communities and cultures.

## PREPARE FOR YOUR SEARCH

- Consult with advisor or career counselors to focus your plan.
- Update your [resume](#), [cover letter](#), [Handshake](#) & [LinkedIn](#) profile to include internship, leadership, co-op, volunteering, and service-learning experiences.
- Practice [interviewing](#).

**FOURTH  
YEAR**

**ACHIEVE**



## FINISH STRONG

- Keep up with your coursework.
- [Apply for graduation two](#) quarters before you graduate.
- Step into leadership positions.
- Ask faculty/advisors/coaches for traditional or [LinkedIn](#) recommendations.

## EXPAND YOUR CAREER CONNECTIONS

- Join a **professional association**.
- Attend an **industry event or conference** to cultivate your network.
- Connect with alumni through the [Eagle Career Network, EWU Alumni Association, LinkedIn](#), or **job shadowing**.

## IMPLEMENT YOUR SEARCH

- [Talk to your career advisor](#) about job search strategies and timelines.
- Participate in on-campus recruiting and [career fairs](#).
- Use good [professional etiquette](#).
- Hone your **elevator pitch**, [resume](#), and [cover letter](#).
- Save all job listings you apply to. Track applications. Follow-up.