Meet with Career Services

How:
• Appointments with a Career Coordinator
• Walk-in!
• Career Lab

Career Services Offices:
• Central Office in the Student Union
• College of Arts and Sciences
• College of Business Administration
• Polsky Building

Other Career Resources on Campus:
• Bliss Institute of Applied Politics Internship Program
• College of Engineering Co-op and Placement Office
• The ExL Center
• On-Campus Student Employment
Career Services helps students and alumni explore and reach career goals, while providing connections to employers.

- Career Exploration
- Career Development
- Career Opportunities
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Career Exploration

- Focus2 online assessment
- Explore majors and career paths
- What Can I Do With This Major?
- Review Ohio Means Jobs “In-Demand Occupations”
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Career Development

• Resume and cover letter writing skills
• Interview preparation and mock interviews
• Transferable skills and soft skills
• Professionalism in the workplace
• Educational classroom presentations and workshops
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Career Opportunities

• Explore internships, co-ops, and other experiential learning opportunities
• Job search strategies
• Preparation for graduate school
• Part-time jobs while in college
What is Experiential Learning?

Relevant work and learning experiences related to a major that help increase a student’s marketability upon graduation.

- Internships and co-ops
- Student organization leadership and campus involvement
- Volunteering
- Faculty-led research and projects
- Clinicals, practicums, field experience, and student teaching
- Study abroad
- Service learning
- Career related student employment
- Job shadowing

78% of UA Spring 2017 graduates participated in experiential learning!
Benefits of Experiential and Learning

- Gain real world work experience and transferable skills
- Apply methods and theories learned in class
- Evaluate companies and prospective career paths
- More likely to be hired by employers BEFORE graduation
- Many opportunities are paid
- Most can be taken for course credit
- Often start with a higher salary in many fields
Career Services Programming

Career Fairs

• Two main Career Fairs each semester

• Multiple major specific events

• Nearly 500 employers each semester
Career Services Programming

Etiquette Lunch

• Opportunity to learn about dining, social media, and business etiquette

• Professional dress style show

• Networking opportunity with employers
Dress for Success Programs

JCPenney Suit-Up Event

- Coming soon- **Sunday, April 7th**!
  - *Students need to bring their Zipcard!*
- Exclusive shopping event for our students
- Held in fall and spring semester
- Business apparel for a highly discounted cost

Career Closet

- Students can borrow a business jacket for free
- Interviews, career fairs, networking events, and presentations!
Employer Involvement

• Career fairs and networking events
• “Employer Office Hours”
• On-campus interviews
• Occupation specific career panels
• Employer information sessions
Handshake: Job Board for Students & Alumni

- **16,000+ employers** currently use Handshake to recruit UA students and graduates

- **Average postings per month:**
  - **3,900+** full-time jobs
  - **1,300+** internships and co-ops

- **Off campus part-time** jobs are posted on Handshake

- **UA on campus part-time jobs** are posted on Handshake through the office of Student Employment in Simmons Hall

http://uakron.joinhandshake.com
FIVE-STAR FRIDAYS

- Etiquette Lunch
- Experiential Learning
- Walk-in hours and appointments with Career Services team
- On-campus interviews
- College specific programming
How to help your student achieve Career Success

Tips for parents, family, and friends:

• Encourage your student to visit Career Services as early as their first year!

• Help your student recognize and develop his or her strengths, skills, and interests

• Explore career options with your student

• Promote the value of experiential learning
FRESHMAN YEAR
CAREER PLANNING

☑ TO DO:

- Complete your profile on Handshake
- Complete Focus2 online assessment
- Explore major & career options
- Establish career goals
- Create/update resume
- Have resume reviewed by Career Services
- Investigate experiential learning opportunities
- Build LinkedIn profile and professional network
- Attend Career Services events

WHAT IS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING?

- Internships
- Co-ops
- Campus Leadership
- Study Abroad
- Student Teaching
- Assistantships
- Field Experience
- Service Learning
- Clinicals
- Practicums
- Undergraduate Research
- Student Employment

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