Career Planning Timeline

1st Year

**Explore UCI**
- Try different courses to help explore majors
- Introduce yourself to professors and visit office hours
- Attend study skills workshops
- See an academic counselor

**Explore Career Ideas**
- Find a part-time job through ZotLink
- Attend Career Discovery Series to learn more about various job industries
- Explore your career interests by joining a UCI student organization

**Develop New Skills**
- Get involved in residence hall activities, public service projects, and/or student organizations
- Nurture your hobbies
- Balance work and play
- Attend the On-Campus Work Study Fair and look for a part time job at UCI

2nd Year

**Gain Specific Information**
- Meet with your academic counselor to track your academic success
- Identify possible faculty advisors
- Choose a major (if you haven’t already done so)
- Investigate study abroad programs
- Get advice from upperclassmen and alumni of your major

**Collect More Knowledge**
- Learn about careers through the Anteater Career Network - short video clips of UCI Alumni and professionals talking about their jobs
- Make an appointment with a career counselor
- Talk with professionals in several careers
- Attend a resume workshop and develop your resume
- Look for and apply to internships
- Attend career fairs
- Take a career assessment and meet with a career counselor

**Explore New Roles and Increase Involvement**
- Learn about other cultures
- Find a leadership role in a student organization or department
- Volunteer for an organization committee

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Get started

100 Student Services 1 (Across from Student Center/Starbucks)  (949) 824-6881  www.career.uci.edu

**Important Tip!**
Save time by using Career Center services appropriate for your specific academic year.
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Broaden Your Experiences
☑ Supplement your major courses with classes in public speaking, business communication, etc. Employers like to see experience in these areas
☑ Study abroad
☑ Research graduate schools (if applicable for you) and attend our graduate school fairs
☑ Explore and consider research opportunities

Test Career Options
☑ Develop general awareness of career options
☑ Become familiar with job settings and descriptions
☑ Talk with a career counselor about your plans
☑ Find an internship in your career interest
☑ Attend career fairs and Career Discovery Series
☑ Update your resume
☑ Conduct informational interviews
☑ Set up a LinkedIn account

Take Risks and Develop New Skills
☑ Run for an elected student office/position
☑ Apply for an RA or peer advisor position
☑ Work in an office to build basic skills
☑ Volunteer for a service project

4th Year
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Gain In-Depth Experience in Your Field
☑ Research and apply to graduate schools (if applicable)
☑ Work on a research project with a professor
☑ Prepare your transition from college to the workplace

Solidify Your Career Choice
☑ Attend workshops on job search strategies, interviewing, and applying to graduate school
☑ Develop your job search and career plans with a career counselor
☑ Research and develop a target list of potential employers
☑ Attend career fairs and meet employers of interest
☑ Attend employer information sessions
☑ Participate in the On-Campus Interview program
☑ Upload your resume into a ZotLink Resume Book for additional exposure to employers

Make Commitments
☑ Project financial needs and set a realistic budget
☑ Think about what is most important during your first year after graduation: ideal work, lifestyle, proximity to friends and family, values, or long term goals
☑ Join a professional organization

Career Center Services
ZotLink
Over 22,000 job and internship listings each year
Drop In Advising
Drop in to speak to a career counselor
Individual Career Counseling
One-on-One appointments with a career counselor to address your most pressing career concerns

Career Assessments
Self-Assessments that help students gather information for career decision-making

On-Campus Interview Program
Interview with major employers at the Career Center for jobs and internships

UCI Career Center LinkedIn Group
Join us on LinkedIn and stay in the loop

Pre-Law and Graduate School Advising
Get advice on graduate school planning and techniques to be a competitive candidate

UCDC and Sacramento Internship Programs
Washington D.C. or Sacramento based internships for students of all majors and interests

Career Fairs
Day-long events that provide students an opportunity to meet diverse employers looking to hire students for jobs and internships.