

KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE EXPERIENCE → PLANNING!!

	1ST YEAR DISCOVER!	2ND YEAR EXPLORE!	3RD YEAR EXPERIENCE!	4TH YEAR + CHOOSE!
C A R E E R	EXPLORE CAREER AREAS	COLLECT MORE INFORMATION	INCREASE EXPERIENCE	FIRST CAREER CHOICE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk with family, friends, professors • Take Major/Minor Finder &/or FOCUS (offered by the CDC) • Identify the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past accomplishments - Interests - Skills & abilities - Work values - Personality style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read about at least 3 career options available to you through your major • Talk with professionals in interesting careers (information interviews) • Spend a day on the job with professionals in different careers • Check out our website! • Gain experience through a related summer job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do an internship • List tentative decisions about your career • Attend Resume Writing & Interview prep workshops • Begin to collect recommendations from emplyrs/fac./etc • Become familiar with work settings & job descriptions • Join a professional organization at the cheaper student rate! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Senior Orientation • Develop employer contact list • Attend Career Fair(s) • Interview for jobs on campus, at job fairs & independently • Explore ALL jobs • Read professional journals & join a list serve
	EXPLORE THE UNIVERSITY	GAIN MORE INFORMATION	MAKE INITIAL CHOICES	LONG-TERM DECISIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read course catalogue/become familiar with KU's majors • Set academic advising appointment • Attend a workshop on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study skills - Test & note taking - Time management • Think about taking summer classes and plan a summer job that relates to your major 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an appointment for academic advisement • Join the KU academic club for your major • Confirm you're in the correct major for you • Look into a study abroad program • Take some computer or business courses • Focus attention on attaining a good GPA - study HARD! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn good grades in major courses • Attend seminars & conferences related to your major • Ask faculty about relationship between academic coursework & future plans • Is Grad School in your future? Find out when & what you need to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out Grad School Applications • Develop a special senior project • Develop an independent study • Make a list of your long-term learning goals • Where do you see yourself in 5, 10 yrs.?
	GAIN SELF-AWARENESS	EXPAND NEW ROLES	TAKE SOME RISKS	MAKE COMMITMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify interests & values • Find an organization or event to volunteer your time • Visit the University Counseling Center • List your major fears of college life • Discuss your changing relationship(s) with family and friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to know some international students • Find a mentor who can offer support • Plan discussions with others from different backgrounds and cultures • Broaden your circle of friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek out people to talk over problems with • Help another work through a problem • Discuss some of your decisions with a mentor • Test your ideas through a discussion group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List the components of your lifestyle • Talk to an alumni about your first year out of school • Make a list of your firm decisions • Write 3 life goals & 3 fears about next year 	
INITIATE RELATIONSHIPS	INCREASE INVOLVEMENT	EXERCISE NEW SKILLS	DEVELOP LEADERSHIP	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join Res. Hall, Commuter or Greek organization • Join KU clubs and organizations that interest you • Allow time for leisure! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Res. Hall, Commuter or Greek project/program • Apply for an C.A. position • Participate in intramurals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get involved in student gov't./run for office! • Volunteer your time to help a community organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair a group • Lead a professional organization • Volunteer to work in one of the campus offices 	

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