GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Who is coming into their first day of SOAR?

Who is finishing their second day of SOAR?

There are a lot of career resources available for students at UW-Madison!
Define career advising and other career development services, and help you understand how it's structured at UW-Madison.

Provide examples of how career services supports students.

Explain how, when, and where students can access career services on campus.
WHY WE’LL COVER IT

We don’t assume everyone is familiar with career services!

Students often cite “to get a better job” as their primary reason for going to college. We recognize that this may have been a huge factor in their decision to attend UW-Madison.

We’re proud of the work we’re doing in career services across campus and are excited to get connected with students and families.
At UW-Madison, each undergraduate school or college offers career development programs and individual assistance to students.

Some departments offer specialized career support, and there are other centralized offices, like the Career Exploration Center and the Centers for Pre-Health and Pre-Law Advising that are available to work with every undergraduate regardless of their major.
Career advisors at UW-Madison are professional staff members who partner with and support students throughout their career development journey.

They help students answer the questions, “Who am I? What do I want to become? Where am I going? And how do I get there?”
WHY STUDENTS MAY MEET WITH A CAREER ADVISOR

- Career and major exploration
- Discussing values, skills, and interests
- Resumes
- Cover letters
- Job and internship searches
- Networking
- Connecting with alumni and employers
- Interviewing
- Applying to graduate school
- Negotiating offers
OTHER WAYS TO ENGAGE

• Career-related courses
• Online resources
• Student jobs
• Workshops and events
• Experiential learning opportunities
• Career and internship fairs
• Research opportunities
Our goal is to prepare students to navigate their own career journey and help them find success during and beyond their time at UW-Madison.
• 69% of our graduates plan to work, serve in the military, or participate in a volunteer or service program (such as Teach for America or the Peace Corps) after graduation.
• 31% of our graduates are planning to attend graduate school or other continuing education.
• 63% of those planning to work had accepted a position or received an offer they were considering at the time of graduation.
• 85% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that UW-Madison prepared them for the next step in their career path.
• 100% of respondents completed at least one of the following: an internship, volunteering, or working during their time as a student at UW-Madison.
HOW, WHEN, & WHERE CAN STUDENTS ACCESS CAREER SERVICES?

When
- As soon as they arrive on campus
- Early and often
- Throughout their time as a student

How and Where
- Through websites and other online resources
- Handshake
- Individual appointments
- Workshops and events
HOW, WHEN, & WHERE CAN STUDENTS ACCESS CAREER SERVICES?
NEXT STEPS FOR STUDENTS!

- Visit careers.wisc.edu to identify your career services office.
- Make a plan to connect in your first or second semester.
- Activate your Handshake profile to get connected with opportunities and resources.
NEXT STEPS FOR FAMILIES!

- Continue to provide support.
- Encourage career exploration and engagement.
- Remind your student of the career resources available to them throughout the years ahead.
Q&A

This presentation and additional information can be found at careers.wisc.edu!
ACTIVATE YOUR HANDSHAKE PROFILE BEFORE YOU GO!

Talk with a representative from the Career Exploration Center at the Resource Fair, between 4:30-5:45 PM at the Union South Outdoor Plaza, to learn more about their services!