CREATE YOUR PATH TO GRADUATION WITH THE DEGREE PLANNER

On April 15th, every Gator can access their personalized Degree Planner from their Student Center and use it to map out future semesters with an advisor. Find helpful tips here and contact your advisor if you have questions.

WHY USE THE DEGREE PLANNER?

To see how long it might take you to graduate
The Degree Planner uses your Degree Progress Report (DPR) to figure out what requirements you still need, then suggests a plan based on your major department’s recommendations. You can even use the What-If feature to explore how changing your major or adding a minor might impact your graduation timeline.

To personalize your plan based on your situation and needs
You can adjust the amount of units for each semester, add summer and/or winter sessions, rearrange courses (must still follow corequisite and prerequisite sequencing), select courses to meet specific requirements, and more!

To make it easier to register for classes each semester
Plan Fall 2021 courses with the Degree Planner, then send those choices directly to the Gator Scheduler once the Class Schedule is available on May 10th. Use Gator Scheduler to build your fall schedule, then import to your shopping cart in time for fall enrollment which begins May 24th (based on enrollment your appointment).

VERIFY YOUR MAJOR IS CORRECT to ensure:
- Your Degree Planner displays accurate recommendations
- You receive information from your college/major department in the future. Starting June 7th, declared majors will be advised through their college resource center.

If your declared major is incorrect, you can change your major or change to Undeclared. If you have questions, schedule an appointment with your advisor.

DATES AND DEADLINES
Check the Registrar’s website and the University Calendar for important dates and deadlines.

4/5  Summer 2021 enrollment begins (see March newsletter for more info)
4/19  Deadline to withdraw for serious and compelling reasons
4/20 - 5/14 Withdraw by exception for documented serious and compelling reasons

Don’t forget to submit a FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application to apply for financial aid!

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Find more involvement opportunities:
GatorXperience  First Year Experience Virtual Events  FreshMemo

First-Year Experience Events for first-year freshmen (RSVP required)
  Movie Trivia Night - 4/12/21 (6:30pm)
  FYE Talent Show - 4/29/21 (7pm)

Career Services & Leadership Development Workshops (RSVP required)
  How to: Navigate Virtual Fairs Webinar - 4/2/21 (11am) or 4/5/21 (3pm)
  Networking for Introverts - 4/6/21 (12pm)
  Spring 2021 Job & Internship Fair - 4/8/21 (10am-3pm)
  Job Search Strategies - 4/20/21 (12pm)

Division of Equity and Community Inclusion Events (All are welcome)
  Leadership for Social Justice: Understanding Intersectionality - 4/9/21 (1pm)
  Advising with the Black Unity Center - 4/12/21 (4pm)
  On The Road to Grad School: Grad Student Panel, Q&A - 4/13/21 (4pm)
  Dream Resource Center’s Tea Time Series - 4/20/21 (2pm)

Health Promotions & Wellness Resources
  Ask Me Anything About Stress! on IG Live - 4/8/21 (11am)
  Self-Care Workshop - 4/21/21 (1pm)

UNDECLARED STUDENTS

Wondering how your career interest impacts your choice of major?

Only 30% of adults work in a job related to their major and while some career fields may require a degree in a specific area (i.e., Nursing), employers value a broad range of skills. Regardless of the major you choose, college provides countless opportunities to develop skills related to critical thinking, communication, teamwork, creativity, and more. These skills create the foundation to build a career in a variety of industries.

Keep in mind that some professions (i.e., lawyer, doctor) may require education beyond a bachelor’s degree and these programs accept students from a variety of majors. You can take the study skills and interests you develop while earning your bachelor’s degree into a master’s program to reach your career goals.

HOW TO LEARN ABOUT CAREERS

Reflecting on what you want your life to look like after graduation can help you figure out how to customize your college experience so you are developing the skills and connections you need to reach your career goals.

MEET WITH A CAREER COUNSELOR

A career counselor can help you explore and understand your career goals. You may be able to take a career assessment to help identify your strengths, abilities, and interests. Schedule an appointment to learn more or to seek guidance during any stage of your 4-year career exploration plan.

Connect with Career Services and Leadership Development (CSLD) every year you are at SF State. They post helpful videos and host a variety of events related to jobs, internships, grad school, and more!

ACTIVATE YOUR HANDSHAKE ACCOUNT AND CREATE A PROFILE

Handshake is the online platform Gators use to find on- and off-campus jobs and internships, including work study positions. Set up your profile today and consider using Handshake to search for summer opportunities that will help you explore potential career interests and develop new skills.

If you need assistance with your job search or could use some help creating a resume or preparing for an interview, check out these helpful resources and connect with a career counselor if you have questions.

RESEARCH POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS

Learn about salary ranges, skills, education/training, and job outlooks for different careers and industries using O*Net Online and the Occupational Outlook Handbook. If you don’t have a career in mind, you can start learning about common career paths related to different majors using What Can I Do With This Major?

If you come across a job that looks interesting, consider requesting an informational interview or shadowing someone working in that field to decide if it’s a good fit for you.

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