

One of the biggest myths about career centers is that they are only for seniors and can only help with locating a job or writing a resume. Make an appointment today with the Advising and Career Center, 635-1257 or heidi.wrighton@jsc.edu, and discover a wealth of resources available to you that will help you get the most out of your college education and start you on your journey to success. Career development is a lifelong process of defining and refining who you are in relation to work, life, and learning. So take an active role and don't let others define it for you.

The Buzz
New internship/job opportunities are coming in daily and are available to view on JSC Connections, bulletin boards, and here in the Advising and Career Center. Notices of on-campus recruitments, job fairs, and other opportunities are announced through email, posters, and any other means we can conjure up. So read those emails *before* you hit delete and stay tuned to news events happening near and around campus. Make your college years count!

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Career Directions

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What can I do with a major in...?

Many students, and parents, believe that your major is suited for one particular career or a very limited number of career options. The reality is that the career you decide to pursue may not be directly connected with your undergraduate major.

Some careers do require specific knowledge and skills such as an accountant. In most majors you will learn a broad range of skills that can transfer to a wide variety of careers. Figuring out how to connect academic pursuits with career requires some thought and planning. Here are some good steps to follow:

1. Evaluate yourself—Being aware of your interests, skills, personality and values will help clarify what majors and careers might be right
2. Research your options—In order to make an informed decision, you must know what is out there. Check out some of the websites listed below to help in your research.
3. Make connections—Talk with people who work in areas of interest and learn what they studied as an undergrad.
4. Get experience—Volunteer, do an internship/externship, or gain part-time employment that will give you direct experience and connections to careers of interest.
5. See a counselor—Talk to a career counselor or academic advisor who can help

for you.

you gain greater awareness of majors and connected career opportunities.

6. Make decisions—Analyze careers you are interested in that require specific coursework or training so you can develop a plan.
7. Keep a yearly planner—Using a yearly planner will help you keep track of timelines as well as serve as a reminder of what steps you need to take to meet your goal.

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O*Net Online
America's Career InfoNet
Occupational Outlook Handbook

“What are you going to do with a degree in *that*?”

People who ask that question usually don't know that there are many career options available to students who choose to study liberal arts, philosophy, history, as well as many other disciplines. Surveys by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) show that most hiring managers care more about a job candidate's skills than they do about a college major. Skills such as communication and critical thinking are precisely those for

which liberal arts students are known. Specific skills employers are looking for are an ability to communicate effectively, strong work ethic, teamwork, initiative, interpersonal skills, and problem-solving, and analytical abilities. These are the types of abilities honed by coursework in the humanities and social sciences. Further NACE surveys reveal that liberal arts graduates are finding employment in a variety of industries working in many

different positions. Experts say that students who are passionate about their studies are at an advantage in the job market as their interest in learning translates into eagerness to learn on the job. So choose a major and courses that are of interest to you and that encourage you to grow intellectually. Keep in mind that employers are looking for educated, articulate, and enthusiastic employees.

"Plan for the future because that's where you are going to spend the rest of your life." Mark Twain