Agenda

• Overview of University Career Services
• How can your Sophomore Student Prepare?
• What Can You Do to Support Your Sophomore Student?
• Q & A
• We prepare and connect career-ready students for post-graduate success
• University Career Services Model

• What should I do after graduation?  
  Career Counseling (Explore Majors/Careers)

• How do I get there?  
  Industry Advising (Strategize Job Search)

• Made it! Now what?  
  Professional Development (Succeed)
Student Success Roadmap

**FIRST YEAR**
- Meet with an academic advisor

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**
- Declare (or affirm) your major
- Identify resources for academic support
- Explore potential majors and careers
- Consider externships / job shadowing

**JUNIOR YEAR**
- Begin to build your professional network
- Find an on-campus job or internship
- Explore study abroad opportunities
- Apply for internships

**SENIOR YEAR**
- Seek leadership opportunities
- Meet with Career Services
- Attend a career fair
- Explore study abroad opportunities

**GRADUATE**
- Apply for jobs/graduate programs
- Complete a graduation check with an advisor
- Apply for graduation on Patriot Web

**Icon Key**
- Online/Patriot Web
- University Life
- Academic Affairs
- University Career Services*
Major and Career Exploration
Meet with your Industry Advisor
UNIV 220 is designed for Sophomores!

Register for Career Courses!

Mason accredited career courses can help you decide on the right major, prepare for jobs and internships, and even prepare for graduate school.

- UNIV 220: Decide / Confirm Major
- UNIV 320: Internship / Career Readiness
- UNIV 420: College to Career
- UNIV 421: College to Graduate School

See course details at career.gmu.edu/students/courses
HireMason

Jobs for Mason students

hiremason.gmu.edu
• Sophomore Students

• Meet with career counselor to explore/confirm student’s major (October, March)
• Meet with an industry advisor if considering an internship
• Submit applications to internships (October-April, depending on industry of interest)
• Register for UNIV 220 for Spring semester (November)
• Find an on campus job (September-Mar)
  Check HireMason, Visit the Campus Office
• Consider an externship or job shadowing (anytime)
  Check Networking tab, HireMason

http://careers.gmu.edu/events/
Role of Parents: Don’ts

- Fill out or send in internship applications
- Write their resume or cover letters
- Contact an employer
- Accompany your student on interviews
- Share outdated information
Role of Parents: Do’s

• Point out your student’s skills and natural talents
• Encourage your student to get involved on or off campus; join a student organization.
• Encourage them to talk to faculty
• Teach your student a professional demeanor
• Facilitate introductions to your contacts
• Encourage your student to attend career events on campus
• Buy your student a suit and accessories
• We are here for your student!