4-Year Career Plan
for Humanities Majors

It's never too early to get career-ready! Throughout your time at FSU, there's so much you can do to develop professional skills and prepare for post-college life.

Meet with a career counselor
- Develop a career-ready resume.
- Complete major and career exploration online assessments (Focus 2 Tests).
- Create Handshake, Indeed, O*NET accounts.
- Develop an elevator (self-marketing) pitch.
- Explore experiential education opportunities (internships and more).

Year 1
Know Yourself

Develop a professional career identity
- Begin your career portfolio with samples of your work, such as writing and artwork.
- Create your career-ready LinkedIn profile.
- Learn essential skills that employers value in students and new graduates.

Engage in co-curricular opportunities
- Join a co-curricular activity (an activity outside the classroom) at least once per semester.
- Attend at least one social or student club event.

Attend 1 career event
- Attend an Employer Showcase.
- Write a thank-you email to the recruiter.
Meet with a career counselor

- Refine your resume with keywords used in your potential industry, and include a list of essential and practical skills.
- Learn job search strategies.
- Start your online job and internship search: Handshake, Indeed, Glassdoor, O*NET, LinkedIn.

Engage in co-curricular opportunities

- Continue to explore experiential education opportunities (volunteer, study abroad, internships).
- Continue to participate in co-curricular activities (at least one per semester).

Develop your professional career identity

- Participate in an informational interview with a professional in an industry you’d like to explore. Career Development can help you identify someone.
- Explore professional associations and student organizations in various industries.

Attend 2 career events

- Attend career events with recruiters to inquire about industries and opportunities that you’re interested in.
- Deliver your elevator pitch and ask for feedback from recruiters at these events.
- Write thank-you emails to recruiters you speak with.

"Not only are humanities students prepared for their field of choice, they are adaptable to ever-changing environments."

—Marc Lautenbach, CEO of Pitney Bowes
Meet with a career counselor
- Conduct a resume review and update your resume.
- Participate in a mock interview, and tape or video yourself for your review.
- Write a cover letter for a position you are interested in and get it critiqued.

Develop a professional career identity
- Connect with two industry people (start to network).
- Update your LinkedIn profile with a professional photo and revised resume.

Engage in co-curricular opportunities
- Begin looking for internships on Handshake and other platforms, and speak to your academic advisor.
- Apply for an internship for the fall, spring, and/or summer. Alternatively, approach a company and suggest an internship position that you could fill.

Attend 2 career events
- Write thank-you emails to recruiters you speak with.
Year 4
Build Your Career

Meet with a career counselor
- Conduct mock interviews with a career counselor. Tape or video yourself.
- Learn negotiation techniques.
- Update your resume, cover letter, and LinkedIn profile.
- Create your references list for review.

Engage in co-curricular opportunities
- Enroll in Suitable Solutions in the fall.
- Participate in an internship.

Attend 1 career event
- Write a thank-you email to the recruiter.

Develop a professional career identity
- Apply to internships and entry-level career opportunities.
- Conduct actual interviews with potential employers.

After you complete the 4-year plan, you'll be career-ready!

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