

Your UW Journey

to Your

Future Career

Career Exploration Center



About the Career Exploration Center

- Office for students exploring majors & careers
- Drop-in events (next up: “Exploring Careers Regardless of Major” on 2/8)
- One-on-one advising
- Major and career exploration resources on the CEC website
- Beautiful study space

Today we will help you:

- Learn about the top skills employers seek
- Discover tools and tips for finding opportunities to gain experience
- Understand how to make connections with professionals who work in your fields of interest





Guess their major

Project manager

Labor relations specialist

Software quality assurance engineer

Medical student

Learning experience coordinator

Digital marketing specialist



History



The **magic** formula:

Major + Experience^{***} =
Opportunities!

***Skills and professional connections!





Top attributes employers seek

Problem-solving skills

Strong work ethic

Communication skills

Technical skills

Ability to work in a team

Flexibility/adaptability

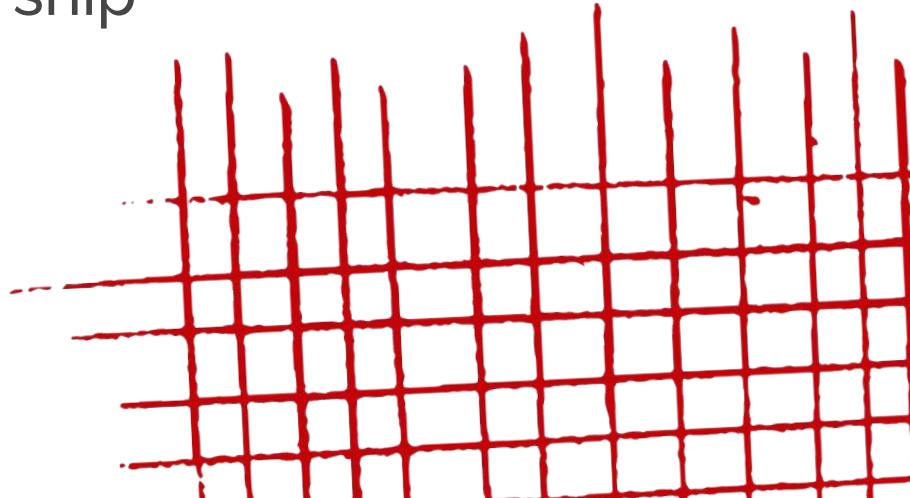
Analytical/quantitative skills

Detail-oriented

Initiative

Leadership

Source: *Job Outlook 2022*, National
Association of Colleges and Employers



How to gain the skills employers want!

- ❑ Volunteering
- ❑ Organizations/clubs
- ❑ Student jobs
- ❑ Internships
- ❑ Networking

Find a volunteer opportunity

Morgridge Center for Public Service:

<https://morgridge.wisc.edu/>

- ❖ Badger Volunteers
- ❖ Volunteer by major or by cause
- ❖ [Volunteeryourtime.org](https://volunteeryourtime.org)

There's a student org. for you

Wisconsin Involvement Network:
win.wisc.edu

- ❖ Professional student organizations (networking with professionals)
- ❖ Student orgs more for socializing and leadership (and doing some good)



Make some \$\$

Student jobs:

<https://studentjobs.hr.wisc.edu/en-us/listing/>

Search by:

- ❖ On-campus vs. off-campus
- ❖ Interests
- ❖ Skills you'd like to build



Build connections (network)

SuccessWorks networking module:

<https://successworks.wisc.edu/networking/>

- ❖ Networking = making connections and sharing info
 - ❖ Essential for landing an internship or job
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Find an internship

Handshake:

find in your MyUW

Search by:

- ❖ Interest/career goal
- ❖ Location
- ❖ On-site vs. remote
- ❖ Paid vs. unpaid

Recap:

1. Major \neq career
2. Getting experience in college = career satisfaction
3. Building connections = essential and easier than you think
4. Career Exploration Center = great place to get help with your next steps



An aerial photograph of the Wisconsin State Capitol building, a large white neoclassical structure with a prominent dome, situated in Madison, Wisconsin. The building is surrounded by green lawns and trees. In the background, the calm blue waters of Lake Michigan stretch towards the horizon under a clear sky. A semi-transparent red rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

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- cec.ccas.wisc.edu
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