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FIRST YEAR CAREER PLAN

YOUR STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO CAREER PLANNING SUCCESS

Getting ready. That's what you need to keep in mind as you start your college experience. You're getting ready to explore and test the various answers you've entertained over the years to that one question: what are you going to do when you grow up? Now is the time to find the answer.

EXPLORE MAJORS

Thoughtfully consider and choose a major that best fits your interests and skills. UCR offers more than 100 undergraduate majors, so check out your options at ucr.edu/academics

- Attend a *Choosing a Major* workshop.
- Take the Focus 2 career assessment via SCOTLink to learn how your values, interests, personality & skills align with UCR majors; talk to a career counselor regarding this option.
- Research UCR Undergraduate majors and view the UCR General Catalog at catalog.ucr.edu.
- Talk to your Academic Advisor.

CREATE A RESUME

A resume markets your education, accomplishments, experience and skills. Create one now for part-time jobs, internships, research, networking, graduate schools, study-abroad, and other opportunities. It's also a visual reminder of what to build on while in college. Your degree will only take up one line of your resume; now is the time to gain skills and experiences to showcase on the rest of your resume.

- Look at sample resumes at careers.ucr.edu under Job Search Strategies.
- Attend a *Resume Writing* Workshop.
- Use Resume Builder (in ScotLink) to create your resume.
- Have your resume critiqued – Visit the Career Center for a drop-in appointment, M-Th 10am-3pm & F 10am-12pm.
- Upload your final resume into ScotLink.
- Update your resume as you gain new experiences.

GET INVOLVED

Get involved on campus and build relationships. Join student organizations. Seek leadership positions. Get to know staff and your faculty - visit them during office hours. Meet with your academic advisors and attend Career Center workshops, panels and information sessions with prospective employers.

- Explore and join UCR Student Organizations. Check out your options online at highlanderlink.com and studentlife.ucr.edu.
- Learn about volunteer & research opportunities.
- Attend these Career Center events: Workshops, Job Discovery Series panels, & Employer Information Sessions. For the most updated schedule of events, check out the Google calendar on the Career Center homepage at careers.ucr.edu.

CAREER PLAN SERIES

Map Your Career Plan For Success!

GOALS TO REACH *Career Success* FOR EACH YEAR OF COLLEGE

Get your checklist at the Career Center.



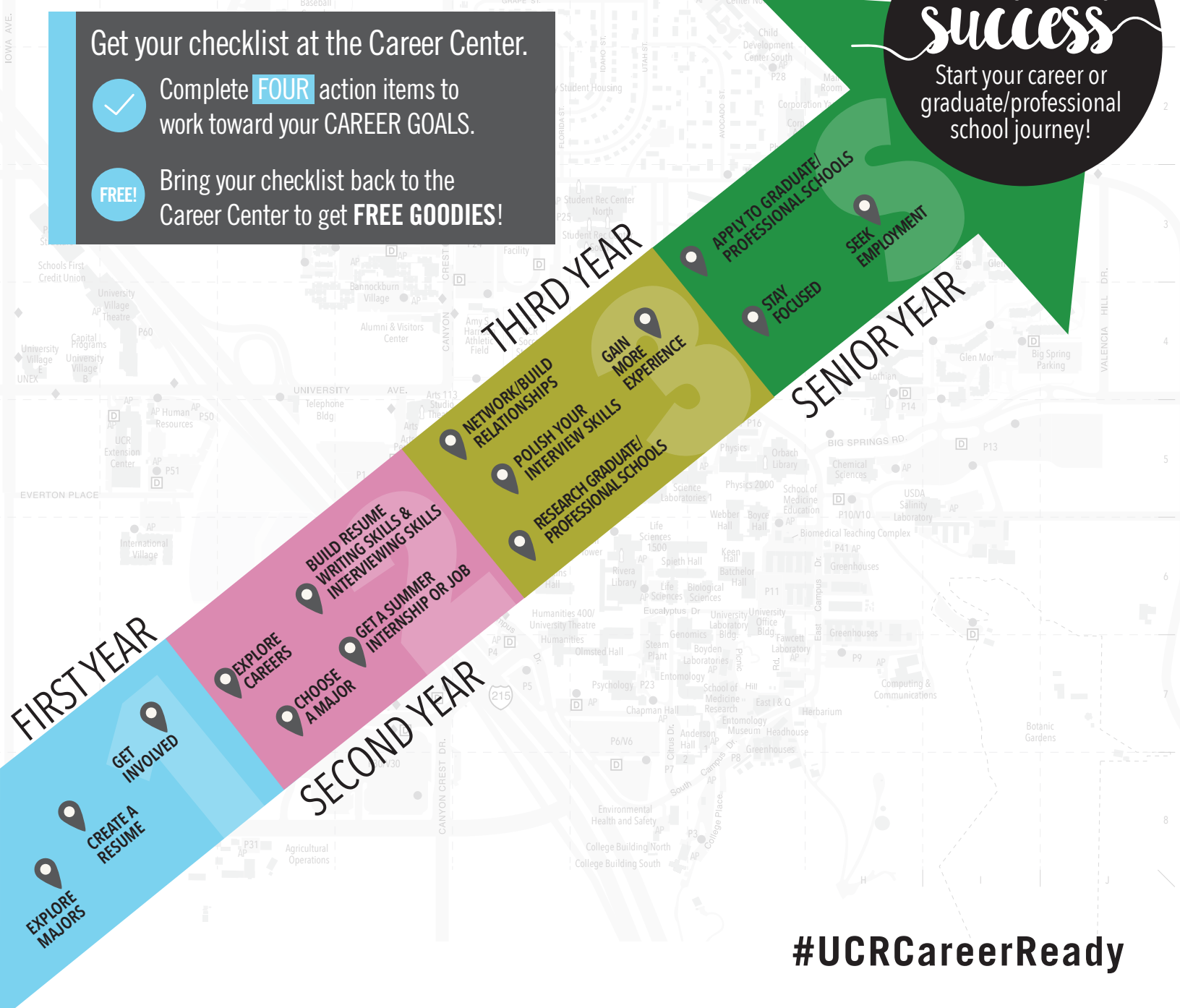
Complete **FOUR** action items to work toward your CAREER GOALS.



Bring your checklist back to the Career Center to get **FREE GOODIES!**

NEXT DESTINATION:
Success

Start your career or graduate/professional school journey!



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