YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR GAMEPLAN

☐ BIG PICTURE
Now you have begun college experience, it’s time to get the big picture. Ask yourself the following questions: What activities do you find enjoyable or boring? What part time jobs on campus, extra-curricular activities or volunteer experiences did you like or dislike? How about your favorite and least favorite classes? Theme of these questions is “what you enjoy”.

☐ DECISION ON MAJOR
Maybe you are still exploring possible majors that relate to the things you like to do and interests or you already have majors. Now, it is really important to give some thoughtful consideration to your major choices. Think about how your majors complement your “general” career goals (e.g. Top 10 Skills Employers seek). Be confident about your decision on major.

☐ CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
Begin building relationships with peers, faculty, staff, advisors and prospective employers that visit UCR. First thing you can try is to join student organizations on campus. Be active and seek leadership positions. Get to know your faculty – visit them during office hours. Check in with your academic advisors. Attend Career Center events like workshops, panels and job fairs to meet prospective employers.

☐ RESUME & INTERVIEW SKILLS
A polished and focused resume will help you get an interview but the interview will get you the job. Make sure your resume is critiqued and ready. Begin working on your interview skills. Attend career center’s interview skills workshop and practice your interview on InterviewStream.

☐ SUMMER INTERNSHIPS
Plan a summer internship or job to gain experience. These experiences will help you explore careers and obtain some of the skills that employers seek.

CAREER CENTER & CAMPUS RESOURCES

BIG PICTURE
Counseling Appointment (To make an appointment, call 951-827-3631)
Career Counseling (http://careers.ucr.edu/careerPlanningCounseling)

DECISION ON MAJOR
Career Assessments (http://careers.ucr.edu/careerPlanningCounseling/assessments)
Choosing a Major workshop
UCR Academic Websites
Academic Advising

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
UCR Student Organizations (http://studentlife.ucr.edu)
Career Center events to attend: Career Fairs, Job Discovery Week Panels, Employer Information Sessions, Social Networking Week
UCR Academic Websites
Academic Advising Offices

RESUME & INTERVIEW SKILLS
Drop in Hours (http://careers.ucr.edu)
Counseling Appointment (To make an appointment, call 951-827-3631)
Resume Builder (http://careers.ucr.edu/essentialJobSearch/AtoZresume)
Resume Writing workshop
Interview Stream (http://careers.ucr.edu/essentialJobSearch/successfulinterview)
Interview Skills workshop

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS
SCOTLink: SCOTJobs, NACE Link and Career Shift
Linkedin (http://www.linkedin.com)
Career Center events to attend: Now Hiring Interns, Employer Information Sessions, Career Fairs
Additional Job and Intern listings on career center website (http://careers.ucr.edu/jobs/Pages/Jobs.aspx)
Work Abroad (http://careers.ucr.edu/jobs/workabroad/Pages/WorkAbroad.aspx)
International Education Center: Study Abroad (http://careers.ucr.edu/jobs/Pages/Jobs.aspx)