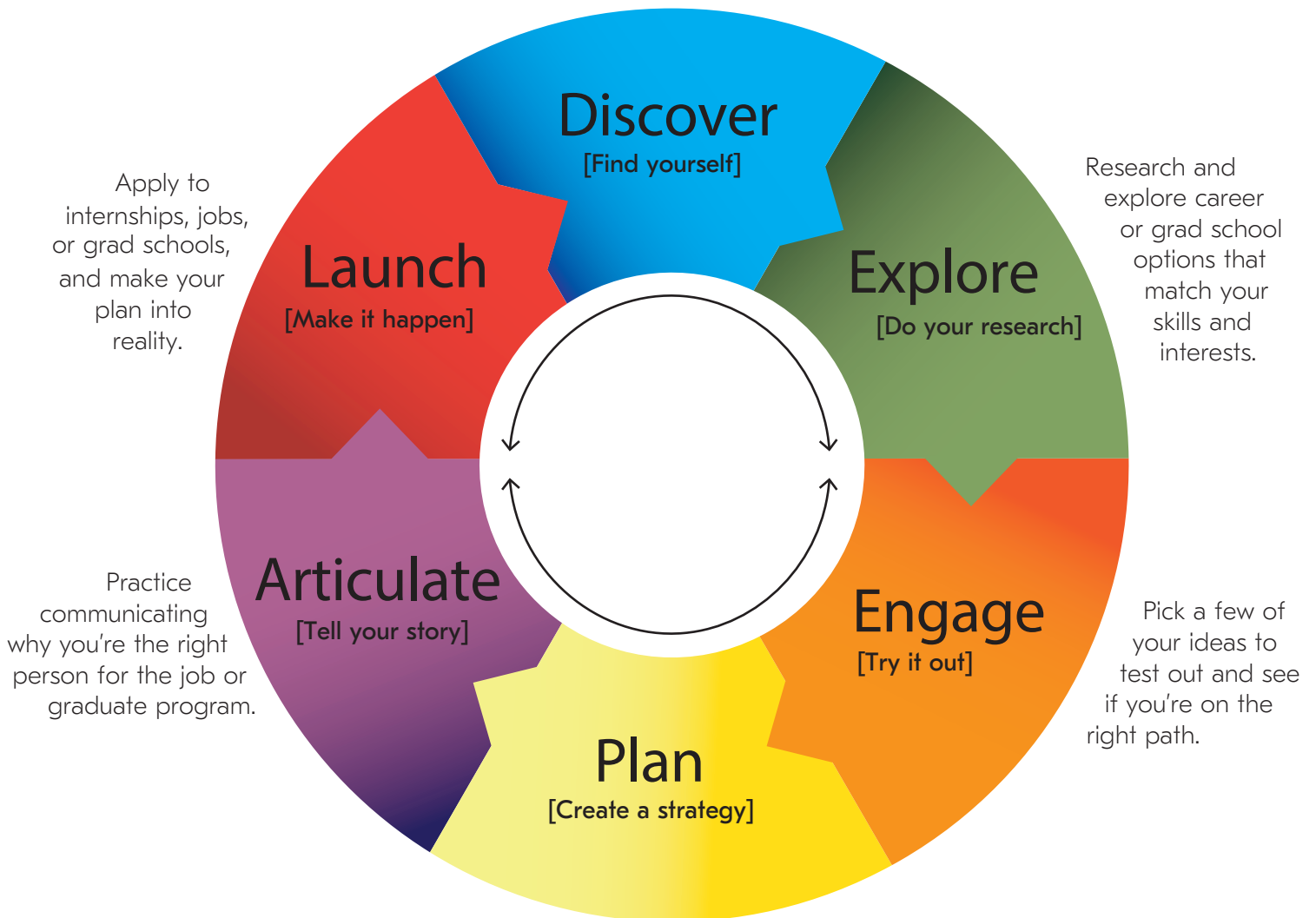


L&S Student Career Journey

Finding your way, one step at a time.

Think about and identify your strengths, interests, skills and values.



Set goals and figure out next steps to help you get where you want to go.

We're here for you.

Even though you're the only one who can decide what path is best for you, that doesn't mean you have to do it alone. We have a few ideas about getting started on your journey, regardless of what stage you're in. See back for more.



Navigating Your Journey

Recommendations for each step of the way.

Discover

[Find yourself]

- Reflect on courses, activities and experiences you've had in the past, what you've learned about yourself, and how they might connect to major and career options.

- Meet with a career advisor in the Career Exploration Center to discuss major and career exploration based on your personality, skills, interests and values.

Explore

[Do your research]

- Seek out new career possibilities by taking unique courses and attending the Majors Fair.

- Participate in events and connect with alumni, employers, and advisors to learn about careers of interest.

- Check out the SuccessWorks website and different career communities.

Tools

Explore Career Options

Job Shadowing aims to help you learn in a hands-on way about a career or job.

Informational Interviews allow you to ask a working professional about their career path, their industry and organization, and get advice for breaking into their field.

Employer Information Sessions are excellent and informal ways to learn more about an employer, land an interview, and get questions answered by alumni and employer staff.

Badger Bridge allows you to connect with alumni in fields of interest to learn about their career path and ask for advice.

Career & Internship Courses and Programs

Internship Scholarships fund an unpaid internship or supplement a paid experience.

Inter-LS 210 is an interdisciplinary course in career development that connects the liberal arts and sciences degree to academic and career preparation, job and internship search skills, goal-setting, critical thinking and reflection.

Inter-LS 260 enables students with outside internships to earn academic credit connected to their work experience, regardless of their major.

Self-marketing Tools

Mock Interviews allow you to practice and gain feedback about your interview skills before the real thing.

Resume/Cover Letter(s) are necessary for landing your dream internship or job.

LinkedIn is the largest professional networking site available and allows you to market yourself to potential employers.

Connect with Employers

On-Campus Interviews provide you with the opportunity to interview with an employer right here at UW-Madison.

Career Fairs allow employers to interact with UW-Madison students and alumni who are seeking current internship and full-time positions.

Handshake is an online platform making it easy for students to connect with over 300K employers offering jobs and internships personalized to their major and interests. Handshake is also a great tool for exploring career center resources & events.

Engage

[Try it out]

- Join a student organization, participate in an internship, seek meaningful employment, volunteer, conduct research, and consider study abroad opportunities to gain marketable experience.

- Continually reflect on these experiences to confirm likes, dislikes, strengths, interests and passions.

Plan

[Create a strategy]

- Work with alumni, employers and advisors to assess and fill any gaps in experience or skill; find experiences to develop skills such as oral and written communication, quantitative, leadership and technological skills.

- If considering graduate school, determine target schools, admissions requirements, and application materials.

Articulate

[Tell your story]

- Enroll in a career or internship course or talk to an advisor to learn to intentionally articulate the connection between your major and career pursuits.

- Define what makes you unique and develop strategies to market yourself to a potential employer or graduate school program through things like interviewing, professional communication, and targeting your resume.

Launch

[Make it happen]

- Connect with your existing professional network for support, advice, to learn about available positions, and develop new contacts.

- Meet with a career and internship specialist to get job search support, coaching on evaluating job offers, salary negotiations, benefits packages, and graduate school acceptance decisions.

- Tell us where you landed!

If you get stuck or change your mind, don't worry. You can always repeat or return to a step.

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