

What major & career path is right for me?

SOPHOMORE Year

Career Exploration: Narrow your choices of majors and select the ones that match your interests and abilities.

Academics & Advising

- Ask yourself what you like most about your classes, what activities outside of class you enjoy the most, and what types of things are important for you to learn about. This information can be used to help make decisions about majors and internships you might like to explore.
- Smith College is not your #1 priority once you know your major choice. In fact, as long as you follow prerequisites, you should strategically plan out your major and start working toward that.
- By the second semester of your sophomore year, be prepared to declare your major by completing the Undergraduate Degree Plan Declaration form. The form must be signed by your advisor and dean in each major. Plan on filling the form by the time you complete 64 hours.
- Meet with your advisor to further define your goals and discuss any issues you may have.
- Be confident that you can succeed in your classes this year!
- Review and update the "4-Year Map."

Campus & Volunteer Activities

- Join a campus organization related to your major or your career goals.
- Continue to be involved in volunteer work and extracurricular activities. These help build skills that future employers or graduate admissions committees find valuable when considering applications.
- Keep up with CLW events and get involved in Convocation, Quest, Bible studies, service projects, and service internships.
- Complete your FAFSA early in the spring if you need federal financial aid.

Career

- Use the Internet to search for career information by typing in "careers in ..."
- Continue to use Career Cruising.
- Visit Career Services for help in researching and exploring a major and career.
- Continue to develop your resume and cover letter once you've chosen a major and career field. Look for opportunities to add to your resume through class projects, volunteer work, professional organization work, internships and jobs.
- Interview and/or shadow a professional to explore career fields.
- Attend career fairs so you can expand your network and find out about career possibilities. They also offer great practice interviews!
- Carry business cards and distribute them as often as you can. Practice introducing yourself, what degree you'll have, and your career interest to others until it becomes natural.