

Benefits: Careers



Test Drive your thoughts and expectations about careers.

-Have you thought about doing an internship to test drive your career plans?

Learn how your major fits into different occupations and organizations?

-What if that job at Google doesn't come through?

-Is my major in line with my career goal?

Develop a network of contacts, for now and for the future.

-I didn't see anyone who is looking for my major.

Myths: Career Search

"All internships are unpaid." **False.**

-Most internships are filled competitively and many pay between \$8 to \$15 per hour, depending on the company and the major.

"You must be a senior to do an internship." **False.**

-Juniors and Seniors are eligible to compete for internship positions. In some majors, a student can do an internship as early as their Freshman year!

"Internships are just "gopher" positions." **False.**

-Most internships require significant major related work and can earn up to 3 credits at the 300 level.

"Your major dictates your career." **False.**

-Speak to recruiters at this fair and find out how diverse their backgrounds are.

"I waited too long to apply." **False.**

-It's never too late to make professional contacts.

"I don't have a suit to wear."

-Prepare for the Fair page: <http://www.odu.edu/ao/cmc/jobfair/prepare.shtml>

"I don't have a resume."

-Resume Page: <http://www.odu.edu/ao/cmc/careerdev/resume/index.shtml>

"I don't know what to ask."

-*insert Career Fair Tips page here*

"Career exploration is for sissies!" **FALSE.**

-If you don't plan where you are going, you will probably end up somewhere else.

