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MOBILE

SECOND YEAR

**From Freshman Year to Dream Career
Be Known Success Pathway**

BECOME MORE COMMITTED: Reflect on your God-given identity, gifts, and abilities. Also, assess your skills, interests, and values. When you identify these qualities, you can **ROOT** more fully into your leadership and character and address places you would like to grow. Our goal for you during this phase is self-discovery, which allows you to push the **ROOTS** of your beliefs deeper.

ACADEMIC PLANNING

- Meet with your faculty advisor in a timely manner for registration and discussion of a degree plan.
- Complete introductory courses in your major or specialization and take electives of interest.
- Get to know your major professors well; they are critical to your success.
- Continue to work toward a good GPA of 3.2; seek assistance from the SSC, if needed.
- Increase your computer literacy and language skills; these are good skills for all majors.
- Prepare for the first semester to get a summer internship.
- Become involved in departmental activities, such as guest speakers and informal events. __ Complete 60-64 credit hours by the end of the second year.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Volunteer and continue involvement in the community.
- Become active in a campus club/student organization to develop leadership skills and networking experience.
- Join an intramural sports team.
- Work on a team project in your residence hall.
- Consider applying for a Student Life Leader position.

PERSONAL GROWTH

- Be able to explain to yourself and others, why you are leaning toward choosing, or have chosen, a particular major or career direction.
- Continue to think about who you are and where you want to go. Reassess how well your program of study aligns with your professional and personal goals.
- Meet students from other countries.
- Add a word to your vocabulary every day.

CAREER AND LIFE DEVELOPMENT

- Identify the positive and negative features of your chosen occupation and think about the lifestyle and tradeoffs associated with your choice.
- If you are still undecided about a major, make an appointment with the Office of Career Services and use occupational information resources to identify options.
- Take the Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory and maintain updated versions of your cover letter, resume, reference page, and your UM Portfolio.
- Ask a reliable person who knows you, what they see as your strengths and weaknesses.
- Participate in an informational interview with someone in your field of study.
- Target course electives that will enhance your marketability to employers.
- Consider a global experience with a semester abroad.
- Contact professional associations in your career field that may allow student membership.
- Begin networking for references.
- Start going to local college fairs and asking questions.

SECOND SUMMER

This summer “counts,” and is not free; try to do one of these:

- Work at an internship or summer job in an industry or field that you would potentially like to pursue after graduation; if you discover you don’t like it, you can still change direction successfully.
- Work at an academically related internship that supports your graduate school plans.
- If, and only if, you can’t find one of the above, go to summer school to beef up your chances of graduating ontime and/or to prepare for graduate school.



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