

Office of Personal and Career Development

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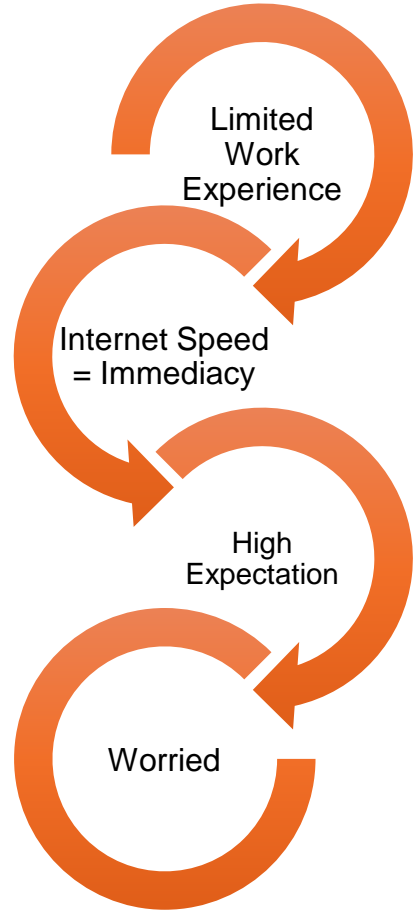
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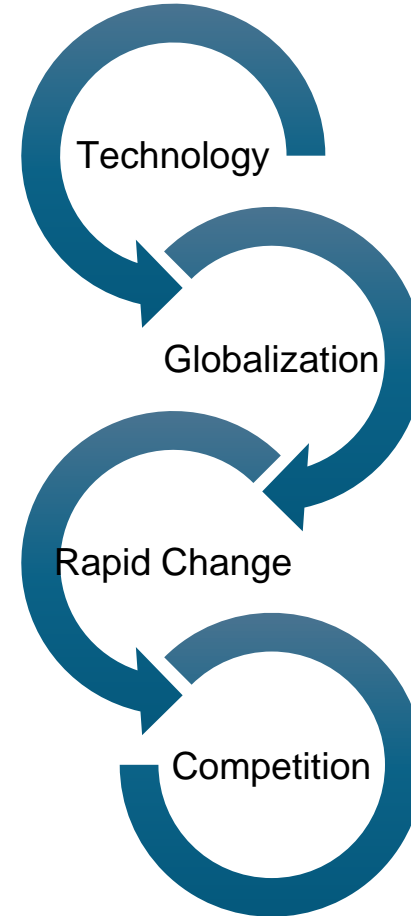
All Students Face Challenges

Today's Students



Up to
20 jobs

World of Work



Our Approach to Career Readiness



The OPCD works with first year students

- 1:1 Career Coaching
- College to Career Courses
- “World of ...” events
- Career Fairs
- Exploring Majors
- Exploring Careers



Some careers require an early start

- Pre-Med or Pre-Health
 - Begin prerequisites and attend pre-health sessions
- Consulting
 - Attend “What is Consulting?” on 9/3
 - Internship recruiting can be 12-14 months before start
- Investment Banking
 - Apply for Pre-Wall Street Track shortly after Fall Break
 - Attend “World of Finance” on 9/5
 - Internship recruiting can be 12-14 months before start

Conventional Wisdom: Major = Job

- Your major does NOT equal your career
 - Strong cultural beliefs
 - Our experience (and our employers) tell us they hire for skills
 - For students
 - You are NOT married to your major!



Mystery Major Game



Mystery Major One

| Employer Name | Job Title | Location |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Advisory Board Company | Marketing Associate | Washington, DC |
| Alston & Bird | Case Clerk | Charlotte, NC |
| Altyris Advertising | Account Manager | High Point, NC |
| Buffalo Bills | NFL Draft Pick, Football | Buffalo, NY |
| Bright Beginnings | Donor Relations Officer | Washington, DC |
| Discovery Channel | Master's Control Operator | Sterling, VA |
| MTV Networks | Production Assistant | New York, NY |
| MindShare | Associate | New York, NY |
| Millennium Dance Complex | Studio Manager & Dance Instructor | North Hollywood, CA |
| UNC-Greensboro | Graduate Student, Counselor Educational Graduate Program | Greensboro, NC |



Communication





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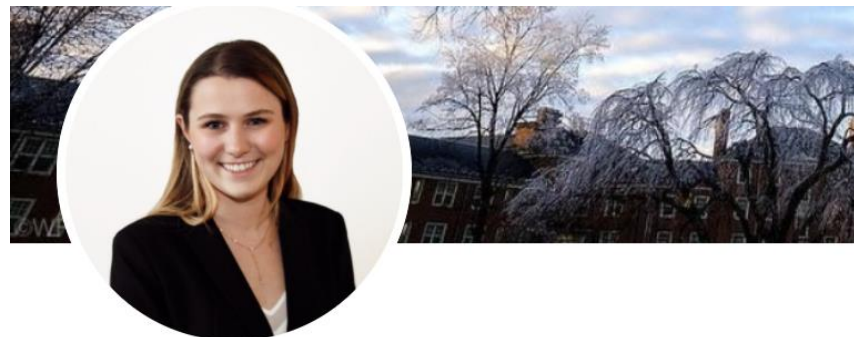
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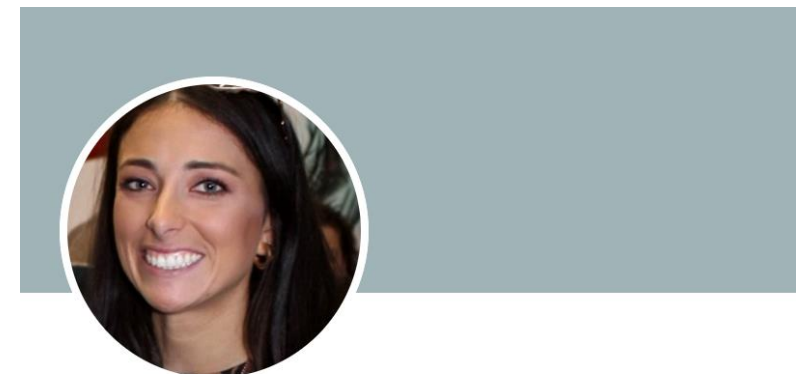


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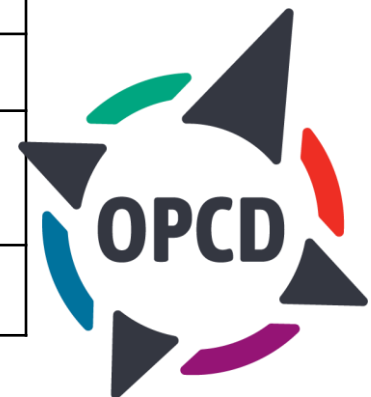
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Mystery Major Game



Mystery Major Two

| Job Title | Employer | Location |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Teacher | Clemmons Elementary | Clemmons, NC |
| Liaison- patients & insurers | Georgetown University Hospital | Washington DC |
| Financial Advisor | Mass Mutual | Syracuse, NY |
| Researcher | Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Ctr | New York, NY |
| Financial Analyst | LawCash | Brooklyn, NY |
| Admissions Counselor | Lebanon Valley College | Annville, PA |
| Office Assistant | Make-A-Wish | Atlanta, GA |
| Professional Football Player | Sacramento Mountain Lion | Sacramento, CA |
| Consultant | Wachovia/Educaid | Winston-Salem |



Sociology



Careers in Sociology

social research, social welfare, business, public service, social work, public administration, law, non-profit business, criminal justice, law, human resources, student services, education, health services, youth services, counseling, professional sociology





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University of Rochester
Medical Center



The Brody School of
Medicine at East Carolina...

Mystery Major Game



Mystery Major Three

| Job Title | Employer | City |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Assistant - Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Services | AmeriCorps | Atlanta |
| Seminary Student | Dallas Theological Seminary | Dallas |
| Law Student | Harvard University | Cambridge |
| Freelance Gallery Guide Sales Representative | Louise Blouin Media / Artinfo Communications | New York |
| 1st Grade Teacher | Teach for America | Colorado Springs |
| Musician | The Slight Eccentric | Saint Clair Shores |
| 2nd Lieutenant | U.S. Army | Ft. Bragg |
| Computer Support Consultant/Information Systems Support & Outreach | Wake Forest University | Winston-Salem |
| Medical Student | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill |





PHILOSOPHY



Careers Associated with Philosophy Major



- Advertising Specialist
- Archivist
- Attorney
- Bank Officer
- Consultant
- Educator
- Foreign Service Officer
- Journalist
- Missionary
- Museum Curator
- Physician
- Publisher



Skills Acquired with Philosophy Major

- Objectivity
- Ability to conduct research and explain results
- Capacity to analyze and problem solve
- Open-minded concerning life questions
- Skillful at analytical reasoning
- Inclined to question meaning of things
- Support thinking with facts and reason



Interesting Facts about Philosophy Major


- Philosophy Majors
 - Rank third in LSAT among twenty-two undergraduate majors scores and
 - Rank second on GMAT scores among nineteen undergraduate majors.
 - Only mathematics and economics majors score higher, on average
 - Results from Clifford Adelman's *The Standardized Test Scores of College Graduates*
- 64 members with Philosophy majors on WFU Career Connectors LinkedIn group
- 122 members with Philosophy majors on Wake Forest Alumni LinkedIn group





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Get Experience? Yes, you can!

On-Campus:

- opportunities for research
- leadership in campus organizations
- paid opportunities (e.g., social media for Campus Recreation)

Off-Campus:

- Parker Dewey
- The Forage
- Handshake
- Personal and Professional Network

First-Years

Welcome to your first year in The Forest. We are here to help you start your journey.



There is a lot to think about like choosing a major, landing an internship, and creating your college resume. You don't have to do this by yourself. We've got you.

Our office is on the second floor of Reynolda Hall, just down the hall from the Mag Room and two stories up from The Pit.

Here are the four things to do during your first year:

Wake Forest Students Say It Best



Q & A

