

# Sophomore Year



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# Choosing Your Major

- Answer these questions as you choose your major.
- Ministry or marketplace? Which arena do you want to work in?
- In ministry: church or para-church?
- Support raising or paid salary?
- Do people pay a salary for what you want to do?

# Choosing Your Major

- Compare and contrast the programs you are choosing between in the academic catalog.
- Read through the class descriptions
- Audit a course with Academic Records.
- Talk to faculty who teach in that discipline.

# Changing Your Major

- Visit Moody Central and get the “Request for Change of Major” form.
- Changing majors is campus specific, so get the correct form.
- Read the instructions and fill everything out correctly.
- A change of major has to be done before junior year or sooner.

# Career Research

- Research organizations and find the ones doing what you are interested in doing.
- Read through job descriptions with “Could I do that?” in the back of your mind.
- Indeed.com and CareerBuilder.com are both good resources.
- Searching by job category or type is also effective.
- You can also add in location and salary desires.

# Personal Research

- Talk with anyone who has done what you want to do and ask what they do now and how they got there.
- The what question helps you match expectations and reality.
- The how question gives you ideas for a path to follow.

# Informational Interviewing

- Get direct answers, ask multiple questions, practice talking to older adults, and build and strengthen your network.
- Start with people you are comfortable with.
- Reach out for an hour meeting or phone call
- Be flexible to meet on their schedule.
- Suggest a common place like a coffee shop, and be ready to pay for them.
- Take notes.
- Be appreciative and thankful.

# Informational Interviewing

- Look the person in the eyes, shake their hand firmly, and thank them for meeting with you.
- Offer to buy their coffee or some lite refreshment.
- Ask “what” questions like, “What does your workday look like in a normal week?”
- Ask “how” questions like, “How did you get to this place and position?”
- Have follow up questions, and take notes.

# Informational Interviewing

- Ask, “Are there any other people that I should talk to about this?”
- If they give you a name, ask if you can reference them when you contact that person.
- Represent yourself and your networking source well to the new contact.
- Thank them again!

# Finding Ministries

- Google “Christian Ministries (add place name)” and hit enter, to identify all the ministries in your area of search. It also works for non-profits.
- Career Services has a database of 1,200 Christian Organizations by state from the west coast to the east coast. Email [careerdev@moody.edu](mailto:careerdev@moody.edu) and ask for it.

# Reading Ministry Websites

- The more you know about an organization the more you'll know if you want to apply.
- What are they excited about?
- Do the pictures match their message and activities?
- Look at the About Us tab.
- Look at the staff. Are they all related?
- Are they doing anything you have experience in?
- Can you picture yourself working there?

# Networking

- Networking is going from those you know to those you don't know.
- Ask family if they know anyone who does what you're interested in.
- Friends of the family, friends at church, and other people you know can all be helpful.
- Some of these people may be doing what you want to do and you could talk with them.

# Start Now

- This research takes time. That's why you should start now.
- Do small chunks so that you don't burn out. Stay at it.
- This can be very exciting, if you let it. Go for it.

# Profitable Summers

- Make massive dollars to help pay your school bill in the Fall.
- Because of budgets, this is the reality for many students and families.
- Get an internship that tests out a career idea
- This type of internship, though not for credit, would hopefully confirm or deny if a career idea fits or not.

# Summer Job

- Is your job at home good? Or is it better to stay near Moody and find work here?
- Living at home means no housing or food costs. At Moody's Chicago campus, housing is \$77 to \$154 per week before food costs.
- On-campus jobs are sought after and can be hard to get.
- Sometimes the best job is the one you can get.

# Career Services

- No matter what kind of job you want, Career Services helps you prepare.
- Make an appointment with Patrick Friedline, the Associate Dean of Career Services.
- Email [patrick.friedline@moody.edu](mailto:patrick.friedline@moody.edu) with options for when you can meet.
- Call (312) 329-4414 to make a phone appointment.
- Use Zoom for a video call.