

# FIRST YEAR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Get acquainted with college life, establish solid academic skills, and begin exploring majors and careers of interest to you. Take a variety of classes and consider many different career options. Exploration is what the Hamline experience is all about.



## CHECKLIST

### Discover your major and career interests

- Schedule an appointment with a career counselor to identify your interests, skills, and values and discuss how they might inform your academic and career plans.
- Take a self-assessment inventory (Strong, MBTI) to learn more about how your personality and interests connect to possible career paths.
- Identify 5 to 10 majors and careers that match your interests, skills, and values and start researching them online, through the [CDC web page](#), or library.
- Get to know Hamline professors by scheduling meetings to learn about their courses, majors, and why they love their programs.
- Meet with an academic adviser to learn how different classes could align with your interests and meet your [Hamline Plan](#) requirements.
- Build on your skills and interests by getting involved in campus and community activities such as student groups and volunteering.
- Develop a rough draft of a [resume](#). Remember: Resumes are always works in progress.
- Create a LinkedIn profile.
- Do informational interviews and use CDC resources to learn about fields that interest you.
- Consider finding an [internship](#) or summer job that relates to your major or career interests. Start by talking with a career counselor and setting up your [Handshake](#) account to explore postings.
- Learn about [career readiness](#) and how to become Piper Prepared/ Career Ready.

#### READY FOR THE NEXT STEP?

Stop by the Career Development Center (CDC)  
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