

# Career Plan for First Year Students

- Visit Career Development Center (CDC) and familiarize yourself with available resources.
- Meet with a Career Counselor to discuss your options and learn how to research potential careers and majors.
- Register for **Discovering Majors and Careers Course** in B or C term if undecided about your major
  - B Term: FY 180X – B01; Register for CRN 11492
  - C Term: FY 180X – C01; Register for CRN 21474
- Explore your interests by conducting **informational interviews** with employers, faculty, and alumni.
- Contact the CDC to participate in the **Job Shadow Program** and/or the **STAR Mentor Program**.
- Learn how to write resumes and cover letters by attending workshops held by the CDC, or accessing Podcasts located in Job Finder.
- Activate your **Job Finder** account to explore opportunities posted for WPI students, along with access valuable handouts, podcasts, on-campus recruiting, company information, and more!
- Attend **Fall Career Fair** in September (September 15, 2010; 1-5 PM; Harrington Auditorium)
  - Discover career opportunities you can pursue with your major
  - Hear about the projected “hot” careers of the next few years
  - Meet WPI alumni
  - Find Summer Internships
- Attend **corporate information sessions** to learn more about career expectations, part-time jobs, summer internships, co-op and to network with professionals.
- Build leadership, management and teamwork skills through extracurricular activities and professional societies.
- Gain practical experience through a part-time position, internship, co-op, or summer job.
- Attend the **Spring Career Fair** (February 17, 2011) and the **Biotechnology and Bioengineering Career Fair** (March 24, 2011) for summer internships.
- Get to know faculty and administrators for future references.

Think big. Plan big. Succeed.

## Career Development Center

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