

Are You CAREER READY?

Employers are looking for UMSL graduates to be “Career Ready”. This means they want to recruit and hire students who can articulate their skills, talents, interests and strengths.

How do you become “Career Ready”? UMSL offers many ways to develop these skills. Be able to identify these opportunities when you encounter them.



CRITICAL THINKING

Exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions and overcome problems.

- *Talk to professors about turning class projects into substantial research projects*
- *Write an opinion piece for the campus newspaper, The Current*



TEAMWORK

Build relationships with colleagues and customers and be able to manage change and conflict.

- *Be an engaged and contributing team member in all group projects*
- *Join an intramural team*
- *Join a club through the Office of Student Involvement*



PROFESSIONALISM

Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits.

- *Get a part time job on or off campus*
- *Volunteer or consider an internship*
- *Receive and use constructive feedback for improvement*



CAREER AND SELF DEVELOPMENT

Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge, and experiences relevant to career goals.

- *Register in Handshake*
- *Attend Career Fairs*
- *Join the Professional Student Association for your academic major*
- *Complete FOCUS2*



COMMUNICATION

Articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral forms.

- *Practice interviewing skills*
- *Take a communication course*
- *Apply what you have learned from your writing intensive courses*



LEADERSHIP

Leverage the strengths of others to achieve common goals, and use interpersonal skills to coach and develop others.

- *Get involved in Student Government Association or a student organization*
- *Apply for an internship or volunteer*
- *Apply to be a Resident Advisor, Orientation Leader or Peer Mentor*



TECHNOLOGY

Leverage existing digital technologies ethically and efficiently.

- *Create a LinkedIn profile and use it regularly*
- *Seek out social media responsibilities in a student organization or at your job*



EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Value, respect and learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders and religions.

- *Study Abroad*
- *Take cultural diversity courses*
- *Visit GoinGlobal*



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