There are many majors at SJSU. Review the course catalog and consider which courses or majors interest you via info.sjsu.edu.

Activate your SpartaJobs account to get 24/7 access to job listings and career resources. Create an online profile to receive targeted e-notifications of our events and services.

Make a list of your strengths and the skills you would like to develop.

Get familiar with the campus community. Places to start are the Student Involvement and Student Affairs websites to see which support services are available to you.

Use the Explore Majors and Careers section of our website to explore your interests and how that can help you select your major.

Look into campus community activities and volunteer projects to help you develop leadership skills. The Center for Community Learning and Leadership is a great place to start, as well as the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center.

Check out the “What Can I Do With My Major” database on our website to learn more about career paths related to your major.

Attend a drop-in session or make an appointment to review your interests with a career consultant in our office and develop a plan to get real world experiences through internships and projects.

Did you know that you are more likely to succeed in school if you pick a major that relates to your interests?

Use “What Can I Do With My Major” to develop a list of industries and professions that interest you.

Evaluate your interests by looking at which courses have been your favorites.

Use the Internship Resources section of our site to review tips to securing an internship opportunity. Learn about things to do before, during, and after your internship.

Enhance your leadership, organization, and communication skills by getting involved in student groups and clubs. Check out Leadership Today in Student Involvement.

Set up a search agent on SpartaJobs to alert you to new internship opportunities.

Start building your resume by listing your skills and accomplishments gained from school, internships, and other experiences. Check out the resume section of our website for resume examples and tutorials.

Meet with a career consultant in our office to clarify your job or internship goals and develop a job search plan.

If undeclared or considering changing your major, meet with an academic advisor as soon as possible to discuss requirements for the major and your options. Use A Spartan’s Guide to Picking a Major to narrow down top 3-5 majors.

Create a free account on LinkedIn.com to research careers and start to develop your professional network.
Did you know that internships make you a more competitive candidate for employment after graduation? Start applying for internships early.

- Evaluate what you liked and disliked about the summer, part-time, or full-time jobs that you’ve held.
- Keep a log of your **skills, values, strengths, interests, and accomplishments**.
- Prepare or update a resume for opportunities related to your major with courses you have taken and relevant projects completed.
- Continue building your network through **informational interviews**, attending employer information sessions, and managing your LinkedIn profile.
- Actively apply to **internships** in your field of interest and create specific internship search agents on SpartaJobs to receive updates via email.
- Begin checking deadlines and requirements for graduate school admissions if relevant.
- Revise your **resume** and have it critiqued at the Career Center. Post resume on our website through SpartaJobs and update the profile section.
- Set up an appointment with a career consultant in our office to clarify your career objectives and goals.
- Take advantage of **Big Interview**, on our website, which utilizes webcam technology to capture and playback interview responses.
- Attend our **job fairs**, information sessions, and tech talks to connect with recruiters to start visualizing where you would like to work.

Did you know that the job search process can take anywhere from 3-6 months or more? Don’t wait until you graduate to start your job search. Apply early!

- Set up your job search strategies and start preparing at least 6 months before graduation.
- Continue to set up informational interviews and start to collect letters of recommendation from professors or current employers if you are considering graduate school or scholarships that might require them.
- Considering graduate school? Check out resources on our website and Eureka. Sign in through Spatajobs.
- Meet with a career consultant in our office for feedback on your job search plan, resume, and cover letter.
- Attend employer presentations available through the Career Center and professional associations, as well as the fall and spring job fairs.
- Set up search agents on SpartaJobs to alert you to new employment opportunities. Also, update your job search status on social media sites (LinkedIn, CollegeFeed, and Facebook).
- Find out what Career Center benefits you have as a graduating student and register with SJSU Spartan Staffing, our own job placement agency.
- Finally, celebrate your success and share your placement information with us to get a SpartaDuck! Visit the center for more info.

Remember that your career development is a continuous cycle. You don’t have to be a first-year student to Explore or a graduating senior to Launch a job search. What is important is to determine where you are and take the recommended steps to gain a Competitive Edge!