# Second Year: A Year of Exploration
## Career Planning Guide Checklist

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| **Finalize Major and Commit to Academic Success** | - Meet with a Career Counselor to assess your progress and confirm your choice of major  
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to map out how you will complete the requirements for your major  
- Begin to explore graduate school, if needed for your career interests |
| **Become Familiar with a Range of Careers** | - Explore how your major, interests and skills relate to career fields  
  - Reading articles and journals  
  - Explore web resources  
- Interview Alumni to learn more about the world of work (Use the Luther College Alumni Directory and LinkedIn to find alumni contacts.)  
- Arrange a job shadow experience or participate in the Decorah Area Job Shadow Program  
- Review weekly Career Center emails for jobs and internship opportunities |
| **Engage in Applied Learning Opportunities** | - Join campus committees & organizations and identify leadership positions  
- Gain work experience and develop skills through part-time jobs, work-study or an internship  
  - Attend Career Center Alumni/Employer Events  
- Take advantage of undergraduate research opportunities within your major  
- Participate in community service  
- Consider studying abroad |
| **Prepare for the World of Work** | - Update and expand your college resume  
- Update your profile on CareerConnection system  
- Expand your LinkedIn profile  
- Participate in a Mock Interview with the Career Center |