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

### Finalize Major and Commit to Academic Success
- [ ] If undecided, meet with a Career Counselor to assess your progress and confirm your choice of major, including study abroad
- [ ] 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 in Your Major(s)
- [ ] Explore how your major, interests and skills relate to career fields:
  - Explore web resources at [www.luther.edu/career/guide/sophomores/](http://www.luther.edu/career/guide/sophomores/)
  - Interview people to learn more about work in your field of interest (Use the Luther College Alumni Directory and LinkedIn to find contacts.)
- [ ] Arrange a job shadow experience or participate in the Decorah Area Job Shadow Program

### Engage in Applied Learning Opportunities
- [ ] Join campus committees & organizations and identify leadership positions
- [ ] Gain work experience to explore your interests and develop skills through part time jobs, work-study or an internship
  - Attend Career Center Events featuring Alumni/Employers
  - Scan Handshake for opportunities
- [ ] Take advantage of undergraduate research opportunities within your major
- [ ] Participate in volunteer/community service
- [ ] Consider study abroad opportunities

### Prepare for the World of Work
- [ ] Update and expand your college resume
- [ ] Log on to the Handshake system to create your profile
- [ ] Create a LinkedIn profile
- [ ] Before interviewing for a work experience, participate in a Mock Interview with the Career Center