

KU University Career Center Frequently Asked Questions

*Career exploration is a journey.
Help your student take their next step today.*

When is the right time to start career planning?

As early as possible. Your student is encouraged to visit the UCC for major selection, resume review, interview preparations, job search strategies, and address any other career concern. Students can also connect with future employers at our career events.

What if my student has no idea what to major in?

We have resources that can help. In individual appointments, a career coach can help your student identify skills and interest areas. A variety of career assessments can also guide your student in the selection process (career.ku.edu/assessments). Other great options for your student are UNIV 120: Intro. to Engaged Learning and EPSY 210: Career and Life Planning.

Should my student work their first semester?

Many KU students are able to work part-time while going to school. Nationwide, 90% of undergraduates work while enrolled in classes. If your student previously held a job while in school, it's likely that a part-time job could be a nice compliment to their academic experience. Sometimes, students choose to get a feel for their course load before taking on a part-time job. Most students work an average of 20 hours per week.

How do students find part-time jobs?

The UCC can assist your student in obtaining employment while they are attending KU, so they can earn money for college, develop new job skills, build a resume and gain valuable professional experience. On-campus and off-campus student jobs are available to KU students.

On-Campus Jobs
employment.ku.edu

Off-Campus Jobs
HireJayhawks.com

Should my student complete an internship?

Yes! Based upon our most current destination survey data, students with internships are more likely to obtain full-time employment upon graduation. Internships provide a way for students to apply classroom knowledge to solve practical problems. Each year, employers post over 1,700 internship opportunities for KU students specifically through our online database, HireJayhawks.com. In addition, there are up to 40,000 postings through our external search engines and resources.

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