

DECISION-MAKING

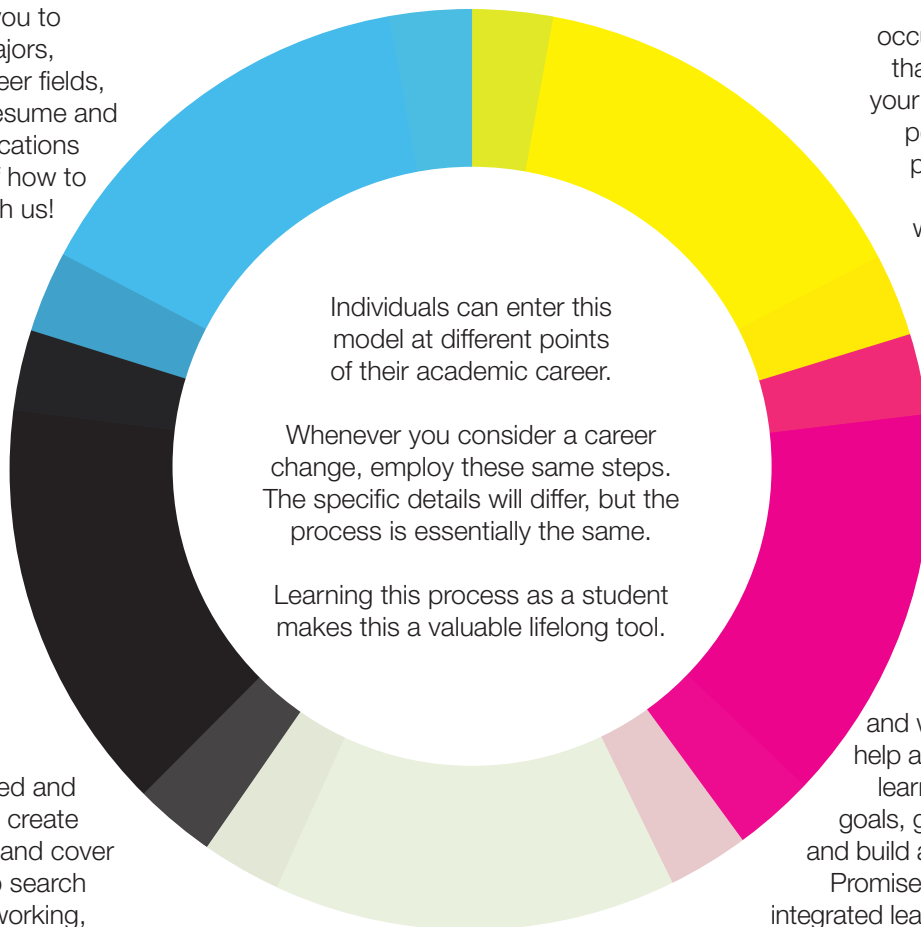
Process

1. ASSESS YOURSELF

Identify your interests, skills, values and personality. A good grasp of these attributes allows you to consider appropriate majors, investigate potential career fields, prepare a competitive resume and effectively explain qualifications to employers. Unsure of how to approach this? Start with us!

2. EXPLORE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

Learn all you can about occupations and career fields that might be a good fit with your interests, natural abilities, personal values and overall personality characteristics. Our Center has several ways of making this easier for you.



3. GAIN EXPERIENCE

This is critical. Internships and well-chosen part-time jobs help apply theoretical classroom learning to real-life, test career goals, gain on-the-job experience and build a network. The President's Promise provides opportunities for integrated learning experiences through internships, research, study abroad, living-learning programs, leadership and service learning, designed to complement academic majors.

5. SEARCH FOR A JOB

Your Terp Guide emphasizes important considerations for a knowledgeable, organized and successful search. First, create and polish your resume and cover letter. Utilize multiple top search strategies including networking, events, connecting with employers and social media.

4. CONSIDER GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

Graduate school involves personal and financial commitment. Research areas of interest and possible programs to find good fits for you. Applying involves entrance exams, personal essays, letters of recommendation and more depending on the program. Whether you're just starting to consider graduate school or you're well into the application process, take advantage of our helpful Center resources.