



Deciding

The Center for Career & Professional Development offers students several different career discovery tools to help them reflect on how their values, interests, personality, and skills play a role in choosing a major or career. To get started, students meet with a career coach to explore which assessments would be most helpful to them based on where they are in their career discernment process.

ADVISING OPPORTUNITIES

Students who are still deciding on a major are assigned an academic advisor to help them choose their courses each semester and monitor their academic progress. Additionally, all staff and faculty members have had significant personal and professional experiences in selecting undergraduate majors and careers, so students are encouraged to draw upon the faculty's experiences for advice and guidance.

For the first semester, advisors recommend that students enroll in their Core Curriculum classes as a way of sampling various areas of study. In addition, students who think they may be interested in a major in the School of Education, School of Engineering & Applied science, or Business Administration, or who might be interested in the health sciences, should seek advice from faculty advisors in these areas during their first semester. Early planning in these areas is fundamental for proper preparation and timely graduation.

Choosing a major can be a challenging task for many students. Students need to gather as much information as possible about themselves, different majors, and realistic career opportunities.

The Center for Career & Professional Development is available to assist students in the process of researching and choosing an academic area that fits their interests, values, and needs. Research has demonstrated that the more aware students are of their career goals and dreams, the better able they will be to turn them into reality.

CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) VISION STATEMENT

Gonzaga believes that students have the potential to meet the profound needs of a complex and ever-changing world. Students are given resources to help them clarify and attain their educational career goals through CPD's work to:

- Develop a collaborative, community-wide network of career educators
- Offer relevant and meaningful services and programs to foster and support student success
- Teach students how to navigate lifelong career development





DISTINCT ALUMNI NETWORKING

Students also have the opportunity to connect with professionals in their intended fields or majors through **ZagsConnect**, the University's online mentoring and networking platform. Students and graduates can connect with mentors who share similar career fields, geographic locations, or other interests. The program's primary goal is to establish a relationship between the mentee and mentor that facilitates better career decision-making and the development of a professional network that can result in increased job opportunities.

Gonzaga's **Career Trek Program**, offered in New York City, Spokane, Seattle, Portland, London, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Denver and Los Angeles, provides students with an inside look at various organizations and industries. The Career Treks also give students access to key alumni employers who can offer their perspective and recommendations as students explore majors and what they can do with a particular major.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
gonzaga.edu/careers

SUCCESS RATE*

95%

(Students of the Class of 2021-2023 that are either employed, continuing their education, or serving in a post-graduate service organization or the military within 6 months of graduating.)

TOP DESTINATION CITIES

- Seattle, WA
- Spokane, WA
- Portland, OR
- San Francisco, CA
- Los Angeles, CA

*(*class of 2022)*

4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE*

78%

*(*Class of 2021)*

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