



CAREER-READY

TIPS AND TRICKS FROM
INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS
SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN BE CAREER-READY
RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM THE COLLEGE OF THE
SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
ADVISORY BOARD



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PURSUE YOUR PASSION

Ask yourself...

DO I HAVE THE
SKILLS
NECESSARY TO WORK
IN THIS FIELD?

WHAT MAKES ME
HAPPY
AND SELF-FULFILLED?

DO I HAVE THE
PERSEVERANCE
TO OBTAIN THE SKILLS
THAT I NEED?



In your four years of college, you are surrounded by thousands of classmates and tendencies are to fall in line with everyone else. Many of your classmates aren't pursuing their passion. They may simply be waiting to see what happens after getting their degree. Instead of doing "what everyone else does," get involved, pursue your interests. The more you experience (friends, teachers, classes, clubs, books, employment, travel), the greater the likelihood you will find an interest which could turn into a passion. Your "free" time is invaluable; Spend it cultivating your interests.

**"IF YOU DO WHAT
EVERYONE
ELSE DOES,
YOU ARE GOING
TO GET WHAT
EVERYONE
ELSE GETS."**

Ron Wolforth

Former University of
Nebraska Baseball Coach



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Success Coaching

Success Coaches work with you to develop practical strategies on a range of topics, including time management and college adjustment.



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RamConnect

Your one-stop-shop for campus involvement. Join new organizations, take part in group discussions and posts, and find events happening on campus.

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I'VE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU SAID,
PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID,
BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER FORGET
HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

— MAYA ANGELOU

RESPECT OTHERS

SMALL gestures
can make a
big difference

MUST READ



DEALING WITH PEOPLE
YOU CAN'T STAND:
HOW TO BRING OUT THE
BEST IN PEOPLE
AT THEIR WORST
BY R. BRINKMAN & R. KIRSCHNER



There will be times when you have to work with someone that you just don't like.

You don't **have** to like them.

It can help to find one simple thing that you **can** do every day, even if it's just a smile or saying "good morning."

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Center for Contemplative Studies

Located in the Ehinger Office Annex, the Center for Contemplative Studies offers programs in contemplative practices, such as yoga and mindfulness meditation.

Counseling and Psychological Services

Be kind to yourself. If you are experiencing sadness, stress, or anxiety, WCU's Counseling Center offers many services, such as individual consultations about personal problems, group meetings, and help with substance abuse.



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COMMUNICATION IS KEY

WHETHER YOU ARE
INTERVIEWING,
NETWORKING, OR
COLLABORATING.

INFLUENCE



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Twardowski Career Development Center

Offers many resources to help you attain your career goals, including in-person mock interviews.



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Leadership Resource Center (LRC)

Located in Sykes 218, the LRC is equipped with a library of books and materials with themes ranging from positive thinking to team building.

Be ready to ...

Interview

Describe your leadership and teamwork experience with **specific** examples

Demonstrate where your talents and skills **match** the **position** and the organization's **mission** or **philosophy**

Tell your story! Why did you select your field? What excites you about your area of expertise?

Be able to ...

Explain your **area of expertise** in the fields of the sciences and mathematics

Have **in-depth** technical discussions with peers, **but also** be able to **simplify** your message for a general audience

Hone your skills by giving presentations or **practice** by explaining to friends and family

Network

Be sure that ...

Collaborate

Every team member understands **what** tasks they are responsible for and **who** they are accountable to

Every member of the team gets **heard** and every team member **listens**

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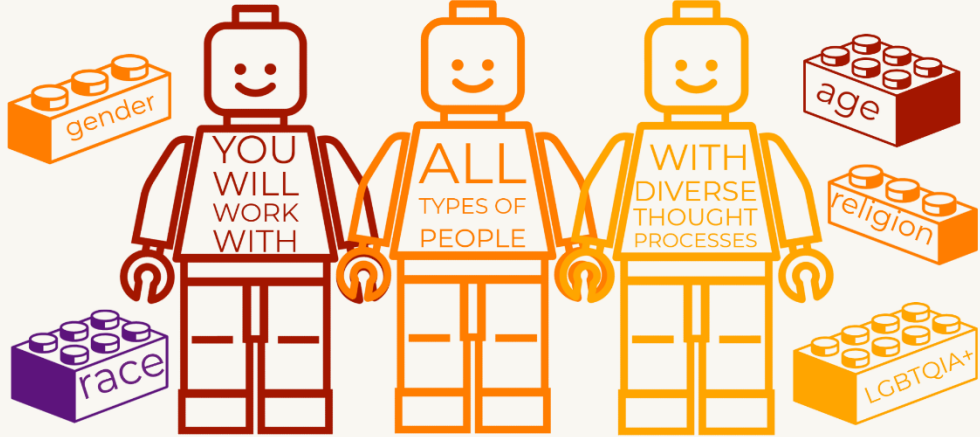
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Dowdy Multicultural Center

Located on the ground floor of the Sykes Student Union, the Dowdy Multicultural Center offers multicultural programs and resources.



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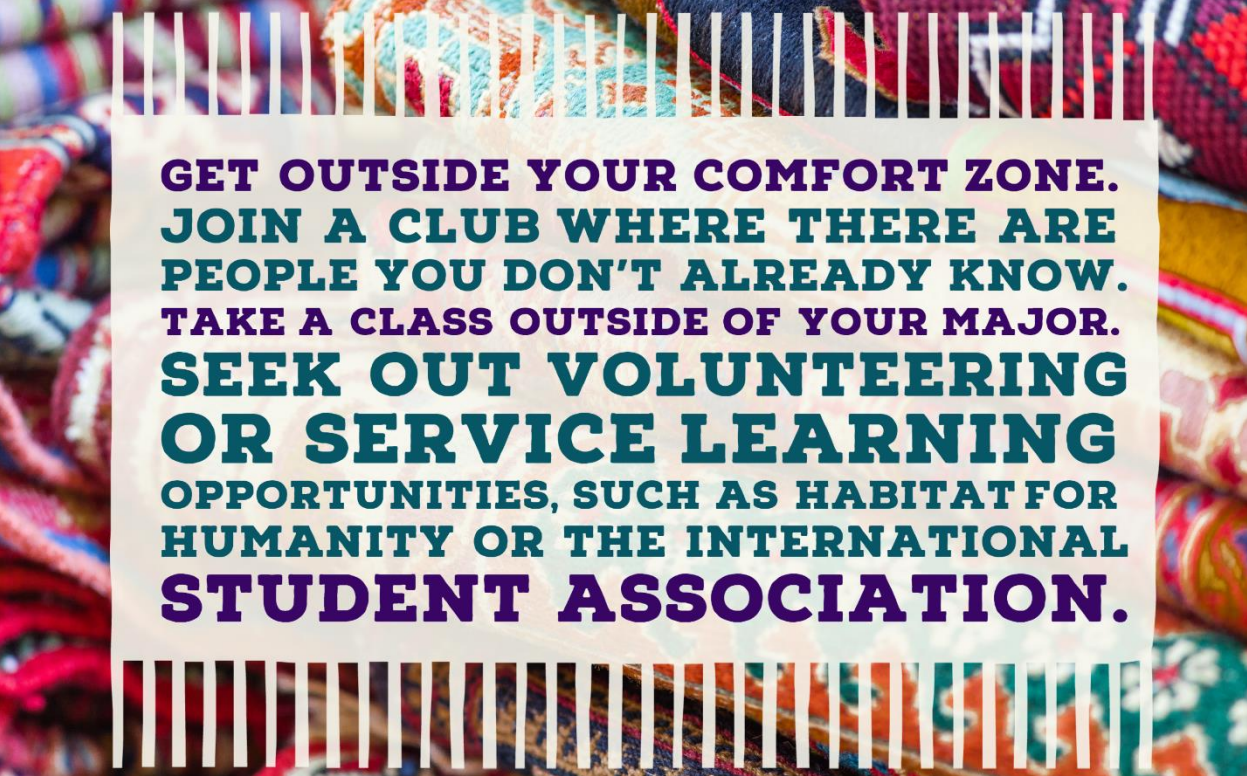
Center for International Programs (CIP)

Located at 320 Mitchell Hall, CIP provides information on study abroad, courses with international components, and service opportunities.

DIVERSITY



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Fresh Air with Terry Gross
features interviews with
guests from all walks of life



**GET OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE.
JOIN A CLUB WHERE THERE ARE
PEOPLE YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW.
TAKE A CLASS OUTSIDE OF YOUR MAJOR.
SEEK OUT VOLUNTEERING
OR SERVICE LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY OR THE INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT ASSOCIATION.**



The ability
to work with
diverse groups
of people is
an important
career-readiness
skill.

Prepare
before
a meeting.

Know how to pronounce
people's names correctly.

Simple things, like learning
a few foreign words or how
to properly exchange
business cards in other countries,
can go a long way.

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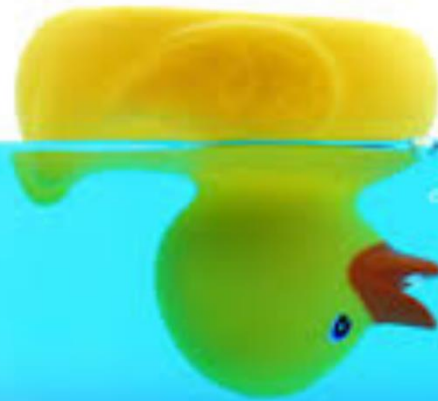
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You have learned the technical specialties of your field.

THAT KNOWLEDGE IS NOT STATIC.

You will continue to learn new and emerging information. As you continue to learn and grow, there are times when you may struggle. Endurance, problem-solving, learning to embrace challenges, and being able to see the big picture are skills that will help you to succeed during challenging times.



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SEE THE BIG PICTURE

goals

aims

philosophy

strategies

values

priorities

COMPANIES WANT YOU
TO SEE THE FOREST
FOR THE TREES



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Handshake

WCU's one-stop career management system for all jobs, internships, and career resources.

Ram Nation

A powerful mentoring platform that helps you build connections with alumni, faculty, and staff.



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PURSUE YOUR PASSION

You will be ready for the career of a lifetime if the work that you do makes you feel self-fulfilled.

RESPECT THOSE AROUND YOU

You don't always get to choose who you work with. Being respectful and kind to others makes for smoother working relationships.

INFLUENCE OTHERS EFFECTIVELY

Interviewing, networking, and working on teams all require communication skills.

DISCOVER & EMBRACE DIVERSITY

Top businesses think inclusively and globally. The ability to embrace diversity is a critical skill.

ENDURE THROUGH CHANGE

Companies need more than your degree. They need you to seek solutions when you are presented with a challenge.