Here are some initial questions to ask yourself:
- What aspects of my major are related to my career?
- What industry do I see myself in?
- Which of my interests and strengths do I want to engage in?
- Will my career path require me to pursue an advanced degree?

### Career Preparation

- **Strong Interest Inventory**
- **Myers-Briggs Type Indicator**
- **Focus 2**
- **Strengths Finder**
- **Read library books in CRR** such as: Career Opportunities in Science, Careers in Chemistry, Careers in Physics, Put Your Science to Work, and so many more!
- **Browse through the Science related career binders in online career library** such as: Environmental, Sustainability, and Agriculture and Life & Physical Science
- **Conduct informational interviews and job shadowing** with professionals in your area of interest and ask these questions:
  - What does a typical day in this profession look like?
  - What is the most rewarding part of your position?
  - What do you not like about your position?
- **Meet with a Career Counselor** to discuss your findings

### Academic Preparation

- **Speak with undergraduate academic advisor** to ensure you are on track with your major
- **Maintain competitive GPA** within your major
- **Utilize campus resources** (e.g., CLAS, study groups or private tutoring, etc.)
- **Meet with professors** during office hours to discuss your career goals and learn about research opportunities

### Personal Preparation

- **Join science related student organizations** through UCSB Office of Student Life’s website
- **Create a website or online portfolio** to begin showcasing personal and class projects

### Get Experience

**Be sure to check out the Get Experience section of the Career Services website!**

- **Connect with Career**
  - **Sign up for Handshake** and check out a variety of experiential opportunities such as internships and part-time jobs
  - **Attend Career Services workshops** (résumés/cover letters, job & internship search, interview strategies)
  - **Meet with career counselor during CRR drop-in hours** to review your résumé or cover letter
  - **Attend quarterly career fairs, employer info sessions, and industry panels**

### Internships

- **Search via Handshake** and **www.Internships.com**
- **Review Internship Toolkit** on Handshake
- **Sign up for your academic department’s listserv**

### Research

- **Review Faculty Research Assistance Program (FRAP) directory for on-campus research opportunities**
- **Check out Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) for opportunities to work with faculty**

**Navigating Your Future**

*This path is for Science majors at UCSB and is geared toward students who are looking to pursue careers in scientific fields such as:
- Aquatic Biology
- Biotechnology
- Biochemistry/Chemistry
- Cell & Developmental
- Ecology & Evolution
- Environmental Studies
- Geophysics
- Hydrologic Sciences
- Pharmacology
- Physical Geography
- Physics
- Physiology
- Zoology

**Gaucho Paths to Success (GPS)** is a career education program offering you a framework to effectively pursue various occupational areas, through optimizing your academic, experiential, and career development preparation.
**Industry**

**Connect with Career**
- Check out full-time jobs in Handshake
- Review National Job Links, Job Search Tips & Guidelines and Accepting Offers handouts on Career Services' website
- Make appointment with a Career Counselor to discuss your job search strategy

**Résumé/Cover Letter**
- Meet with career counselor during CRR drop-in hours to review your updated résumé or cover letter
- Attend resume+ and have résumé critiqued by employer
- Make appointment with faculty to review your résumé and ask for possible job leads to contact

**Interview**
- Schedule ½ hour appointment at Career Services for Mock Interview (NOTE: limit one per quarter)

**Job Search/Career Events**
- Connect with recruiters by participating in following career events:
  - Quarterly Career Fairs
  - Employer Info Sessions
  - On-Campus Interviews
- Attend a Job Search Strategy workshop

**Negotiation**
- Review books in CRR such as Negotiate Your Job Offer and many more!

**Graduate/Professional School**

**Graduate School Options handout**
- Research graduate programs at www.gradschools.com or www.petersons.com
- Identify application deadlines, prerequisites, and graduate exam (if applicable) for programs you are interested in applying to

**Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Letters of Rec**
- Meet with a counselor during ½ hour appointment to review your CV
- Prepare packets of information (ex: application deadlines, CV and SOP, writing sample) to give to your recommenders
- Identify recommenders and request letters of recommendation from your professors

**Career Events**
- Attend Graduate & Professional School Day in the Fall
- Attend Graduate School workshop during academic year

**Statement of Purpose (SOP)**
- Attend Writing a SOP workshop through CLAS
- Review rough draft of your SOP with faculty
- Obtain critique of final draft of SOP by scheduling one hour appointment at Career Services (NOTE: limit one per quarter)

**Graduate Exams**
- Attend strategy session and investigate study preparation courses for your graduate exam

**Interview**
- Schedule ½ hour appointment at Career Services for Mock Interview (NOTE: limit one per quarter)