

MEMPHIS CAREER PREPARATION ACADEMY

Mission

Engage students in experiences to help them make educated and purposeful choices about majors and careers.

Purpose

To help students reach graduation and improve employability upon entering the workforce.

Goals for Students

- Understand the importance of and engage in career planning activities
- Choose a career path and declare an aligning major
- Utilize campus resources to support your major and career path
- Develop skills and experiences for employment

Program Components

- Career-based workshops
- Meetings with MCPA staff
- Participate in professional activities or events

Student Commitment

- Two-year academy
- Attend four to five workshops each semester
- Meet with program staff each semester
- Willing to commit up to 10 hours per semester

Eligible Students

The MCPA is open to current UofM students who are enrolled in at least six credit hours and meet one of the following requirements:

- First year students that are first generation (neither parent has earned a post-secondary degree or completed more than two years of education beyond high school)
- First year students with a demonstrated financial need (Pell grant-eligible or experiencing a financial hardship)
- Are new transfer students

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Student Benefits

- Understanding of interests, values, skills, personality and strengths
- Ability to make informed and thoughtful career choices
- Help in choosing a major that aligns with career choice
- Knowledge about how to form a path toward a career
- Increased involvement on campus
- Access to leadership development opportunities
- Valuable connections to employers
- Develop skills employers are seeking
- A more competitive resume
- Support and guidance from MCPA staff

Workshops

Each semester four to five career-based workshops will be offered to students. Workshops are about one hour long. Students are encouraged to attend all workshops to make the most of the MCPA.

YEAR 1	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Tigers Explore: Careers	Tigers Develop: Career Paths
Tigers Explore: Majors	Tigers Develop: Strengths
Tigers Explore: Resources	Tigers Develop: Resumes
Tigers Explore: Personality & Interests	Tigers Develop: Networking Skills
Tigers Explore: Public Speaking	Tigers Develop: Experiences

YEAR 2	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Tigers Prepare: Internships	Tigers Do: Advanced Degrees
Tigers Prepare: Self-Confidence	Tigers Do: Job Offers
Tigers Prepare: Professional Dress	Tigers Do: Mock Interviews
Tigers Prepare: Interviews	Tigers Do: Unique Opportunities
Tigers Prepare: Employer Visits	

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