Resources for First Year Students

The Career Development Office (CDO) encourages first year students to seek us out early on at Vassar. The earlier we get to know you, your skills, and your aspirations the easier it is for us to support you over the course of your time at Vassar.

Some of the resources that are worth getting acquainted with early on in your time at Vassar include:

**CDO Website**
http://careers.vassar.edu/explore-and-plan/
Check out the Explore & Plan section of the CDO website to learn more about these and other great resources!

**Handshake**
https://vassar.joinhandshake.com/
Vassar’s job and internship database, resume builder, career calendar, and more! Your username is your full Vassar email address, and your password is the same as your email password. Once logged in, you can search curated job and internship opportunities, and even schedule appoints in the Career Development Office.

**What Can I Do With This Major**
http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/
A long-time resource published by the University of Tennessee that contains links to popular careers and industries by major.

**Vassar’s Alumnae/i Directory**
http://connect.vassar.edu/directory
38,000+ strong, Vassar’s alumnae/i network is searchable by major, industry, geographic location (and dorm affiliation). Use the Directory to reach out to likeminded alumnae/i and begin networking.

**VassarNet**
https://vassarnet.vassar.edu
Used in conjunction with the Alumnae/i Directory, VassarNet is another resource where students can connect with alumni and students. You can filter results by major, industry or location. This database will also allow you to search for job and internship opportunities as well as ask questions of the community.

**FOCUS2**
The FOCUS2 is a self-assessment tool that evaluates your work interests, personality, skills, values, and leisure interests, and generates a list of careers in line with your results. Though you can take the FOCUS2 on your own, the CDO’s career counselors are always happy to review and discuss your results.

Need help using any of these resources? Come see us!
We are located on the South Side of Main Building on the first floor.
Scheduled appointments are available Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.
The Career Studio is open Monday-Friday 12:30pm – 3:30pm. No appointment is needed to come into the Career Studio. Stop by for quick questions, to get help on a resume or cover letter, and more!