



First-Year Students

GET AN EARLY START ON YOUR CAREER!

- ☞ Take **core and general classes** to help you explore your potential areas of interest. Consider choosing a double major or minor outside of Isenberg to broaden your experience.
- ☞ Start thinking about **practical work experience**. The more professional experience you can acquire, the better your chances for being hired in your chosen field upon graduation. Experience may include summer jobs, on/off campus employment, internships and co-ops.
- ☞ Wonder what kinds of **careers are linked to specific majors?** Many employers hire graduates from a variety of majors. Meet with a Career Coach in the [Chase Career Center](#) (Isenberg N207) to learn more.
- ☞ Learn how to use on campus tools to find and apply **for internship and co-op opportunities**. Understand how to navigate [UMass Handshake](#) job posting systems for jobs and internships.
- ☞ Leverage the **Isenberg Freshman Transition** course to learn how to use resources at Isenberg and on campus. Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#) (Isenberg N230) about planning classes for your potential major, strategizing for [study abroad](#), [domestic exchange](#), or doing a co-op or internship.
- ☞ Supplement your classroom learning with **Experiential Learning** by becoming an active member of the community. Choose from a vast array of [on campus employment](#), [clubs at Isenberg](#), and from over 200 [registered student organizations](#) on campus. Participate in [student government](#) or in your [residence life](#) community. Seek out [community service projects](#) through clubs and other organizations. You'll meet others, contribute, and develop key communication, leadership, and team skills that employers seek.
- ☞ Begin **networking** through student clubs and other Isenberg School events including Employer Meet & Greets and career fairs ([Isenberg Career Day](#), [McCormack Sports Management Career Fair](#), [HTM Career Day](#) & [University Career Blast](#)). Learn about opportunities by meeting alumni and corporate friends of UMass Amherst as a member of a student group. It's never too early to learn to network.
- ☞ Make an appointment with a **Chase Career Coach** to explore careers, review your resume, learn internship and job search strategies, and more. Log on to our [website](#) and click on the [Career Coach Appointments](#) icon.
- ☞ Prepare **your resume**. Utilize our resume writing resources, like [The Isenberg Resume: A How-to-Guide](#) and meet with a Chase Career Center advisor to get started. Preparing a captivating resume means you'll be ready for opportunities that come along.