

Career Planning Strategies

FRESHMAN

Inquiry and Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enroll in courses with help of academic advisors. Enroll in COUN 191. Enroll in University 100. Visit Career Development Center explore major and/or career interests. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule an appointment with career counselor. Attend Job Fair. Attend a CDC workshop on deciding on a major. Register in BeachLINK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become familiar with CSULB Catalog and Schedule of Classes. Visit the CDC website for information on services and special events.
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SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain employment and develop skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend CDC workshops. Develop a resume. Upload resume on BeachLINK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the Career Resource Library in the CDC.
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Assess: Interests, Skills and Values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with department and academic advisor. Discuss education and career interests with career counselor, peers, faculty and family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend internship and job fairs. Talk to people in various careers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join organizations in your interest area(s). Schedule an appointment with a career counselor to discuss interests and other assessments.
Explore Career Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore internship possibilities; visit CDC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access BeachLINK. 	

SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain employment and develop skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with career counselor to discuss career options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the Career Resource Library to research career options.
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JUNIOR

Targeting Career Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take classes in your major. Attend internship and job fairs. Attend workshop on resumes, interviewing, and job search. Obtain career-related experience. Enroll in COUN 360I. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrow career options through further research. Assess interests, skills and values. Is graduate school in your future? Attend workshops on applying to graduate school. Access BeachLINK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend graduate and professional school fair. Take electives in other areas to enhance your qualifications. Build a network (contacts). Develop/update a resume. Visit CDC website.
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SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain a summer internship/related experience. Compile inventory of interests, skills and qualifications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with career counselor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend workshop on resumes, interviews, and job search techniques. Revise resume.
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SENIOR

Job Search Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the course requirements in your major. Continue networking. Identify and utilize multiple resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Job Fair. Attend workshop on resumes, interviews, and job search techniques. Update resume. Access BeachLINK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in On-Campus Recruitment. Attend employer information sessions.
Graduate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify graduate programs. Review application process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take entrance exams. Research financing graduate school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend graduate and professional school fairs.

To develop an individualized career plan, schedule an appointment with a career counselor.

Call **(562) 985-4151** or visit **Brotman Hall, Room 250** to schedule an appointment.

<http://careers.csulb.edu>

Information Systems



Major/Career Profile

General Description

Information Systems (IS) contains three interactive components: management and particularly the decision process, information and its impact on management decisions and organization processing, and computer-based systems. To qualify for a career in IS, one must have skills in management and computer hardware and software pertaining to accounting, documentation, problem solving, data management, and other business applications. The major in Information Systems within the College of Business Administration at CSULB prepares students for a variety of computer-oriented careers involving business information systems, computer hardware, system software, telecommunications, and decision support systems.

Career Options

Graduates with this major find work as: MIS Specialist, Computer Analyst, Computer Programmer, Systems Analyst, Telecommunications Specialist, Computer Salesperson, Management Consultant, Financial Analyst, and other careers requiring computer skills. Some of these careers require additional education or experience.

Typical Employers

Banks, hospitals and health care businesses, colleges and universities, computer industry, consulting firms, finance companies, government agencies, insurance companies, market research firms, military services, petroleum industry, pharmaceutical chemical companies, research institutes, stock/securities brokers, and utilities.

Salary and Employment Outlook

Employment of systems analysts, database administrators and computer scientists is expected to increase much faster than average for all occupations through the year 2010. These occupations are expected to be among the fastest growing. This increase is attributed to an explosive growth in electronic commerce and the expanding integration of new technologies by businesses to operate more efficiently and remain competitive.

A survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers revealed that bachelor's degree candidates in information systems averaged \$45,182 in 2001. Salaries will however, vary by size and type of company, geographic location, experience and level of education. Visit the Career Development Center for more information on local and national salary ranges.

For further information, contact:

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