

# Putting your degree to work: plan early

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SPECIAL FOR THE YELL

It is never too early to start thinking about what career you are going to be involved in for the rest of your life.

Look forward to the future and ask yourself, "If I could have any job I wanted tomorrow, what would I be doing, and where would I be?" Your answer should be your starting point.

During your sophomore year, you should be thinking about your goals and future aspirations.

A good place to help you think about what you want to do is UNLV's Career Planning and Placement Department located on the fifth floor of Beam Hall. You need to develop well-defined career goals before your senior

year. Intelligent career planning during your student years is imperative if you wish to join that enviable elite of new graduates who have systematically prepared for a successful job search.

Your education can equip you with certain training and skills necessary for professional success, but unless you are skilled in the art of finding a job, you will have a difficult time in the real world. The burden of effort must rest with the student and not parents, professors, or others. It is you who will make the difference. If you make the most of these critical years, you can acquire not only knowledge, but the requisite professional demeanor, skills, contacts, and practical experience that will

help you to bridge the gap between the student and the world of work.

Begin your career development by discovering how you can introduce career considerations into your academic planning. Seek informed advice from your Career Planning and Placement Department. Discuss your courses with an academic advisor, then map out an academic curriculum. Take full advantage of educational resources available from UNLV's Career Planning and Placement Department. Career Planning and Placement services are the greatest benefit to the student who is developing a career path.

The Career Planning and Placement Department provides services such as learning about

one's self and self assessment (SIGI Program), information about the world of work, accurate predictions of occupational trends, salary information, exploring the job market, and workshops pertaining to the art of resume writing, interviewing skills, job search strategies, and career planning. Our mission is to educate, prepare, and assist students as they pursue their careers.

By the time you've reached your senior year, you should have formulated your career plan, progressed in your career development, and prepared to start your job search. A year before you graduate, start a placement file illustrating your new credentials as a professional is a step in the right direction. The

on-campus recruitment program provided by the placement service is the greatest benefit to job hunters where students are brought face to face with employers for campus interviews during the spring and fall recruiting seasons.

Successful professionals are motivated adults who see themselves as responsible for their own destinies. Good career counseling requires your active involvement.

Take advantage of existing resources at UNLV to help speed you toward your goal. Let us help you make your journey as smooth as possible.

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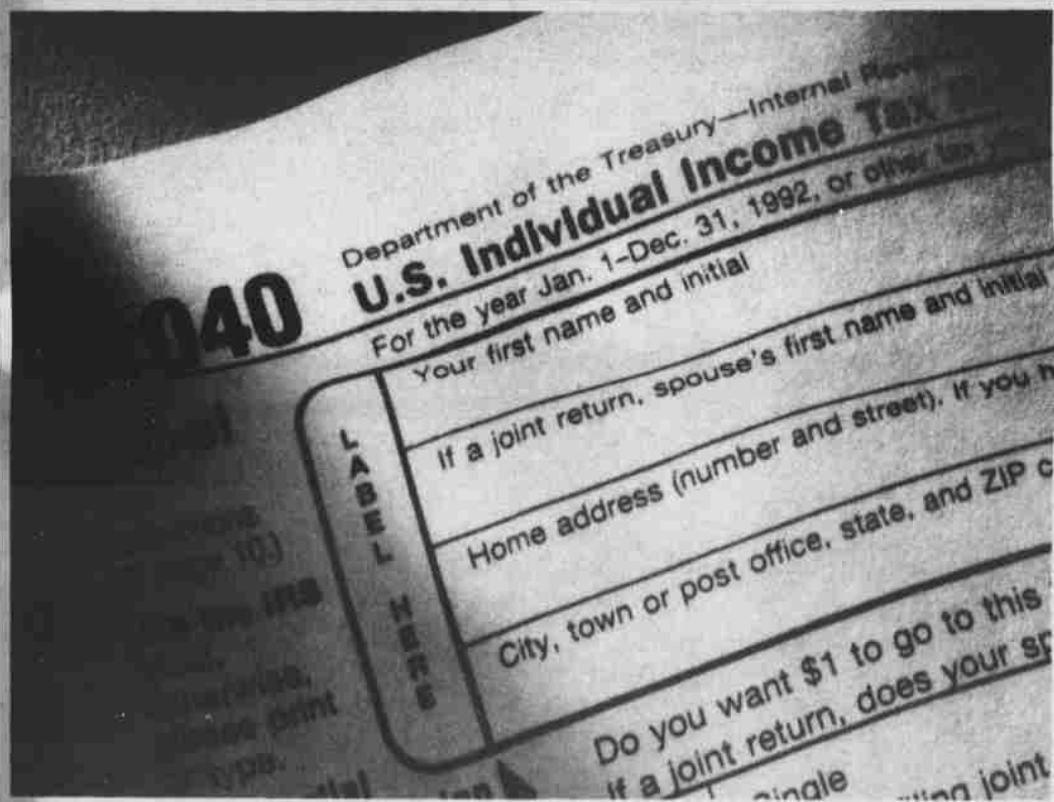
Academic Major	Estimated Average Starting Salary
Chemical Engineering	\$40,480
Mechanical Engineering	35,970
Electrical Engineering	34,982
Computer Science	34,259
Industrial Engineering	33,807
Civil Engineering	30,756
Nursing	29,572
Chemistry	29,298
Physics	29,080
Accounting	27,849
Mathematics	27,023
Geology	27,010
Financial Administration	25,993
General Business Administration	24,978
Personnel Administration	24,503
Agriculture	24,358
Marketing/Sales	24,163
Natural Resources	24,041
Social Sciences	22,162
Communications	21,721
Liberal Arts/Arts & Letters	20,960
Retailing	20,958
Advertising	20,943
Human Ecology/Home Economics	20,640
Telecommunications	20,334
Education	20,311
Hotel, Restaurant, & Institution Mgt.	20,188
Journalism	19,069

#### New Graduate-Degree Recipients

Master's	\$35,735
M.B.A.	37,896
Ph.D.	40,711

Source: CPC Annual, 35th edition

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