

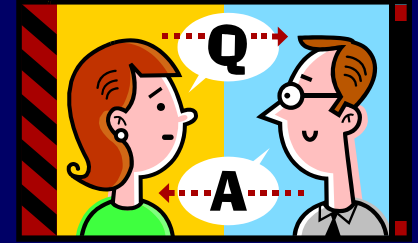
Strategies for a Successful College Experience

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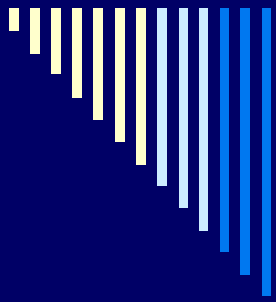
60 % of students
change majors
before graduating



Answer: TRUE



- This is a time of exploration and discovery...
 - It's okay to be undeclared starting college
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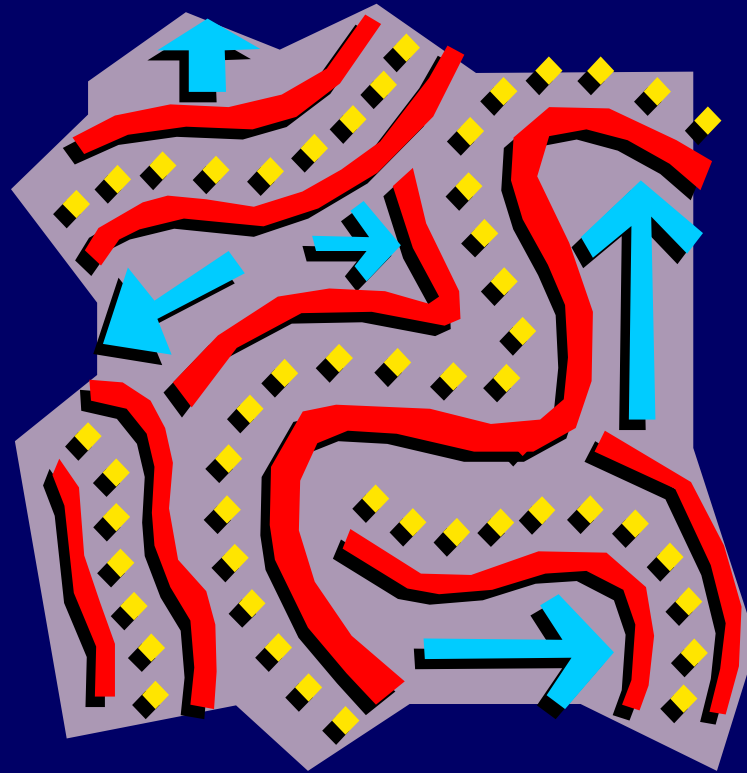
CAREER DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

PHASE 1

SELF
ASSESSMENT

PHASE 3

TEST CAREER
INTEREST/
EXPERIENCE



PHASE 2

CAREER
RESEARCH

PHASE 4

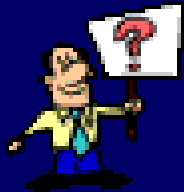
CAREER
DECISION



Your Student's First-Year Experience



- ➔ Self-assessment–Career Assessment (FOCUS)
- ➔ Classroom Visits
- ➔ Career Development Month Programs - November
- ➔ Begin to define academic concentration





Ingredients for Success

➔ Good Grades

➔ Define academic goals by 2nd year

➔ Engagement/investment in the SHU community

➔ Career-based Experiential Education - Internships

➔ Leadership in Academic/Student Clubs

➔ Involvement in Community - Volunteer



Take Home Message



Truly successful people engage themselves in the service of something larger than themselves.

They leave their companies, their communities, their families a little better than before.

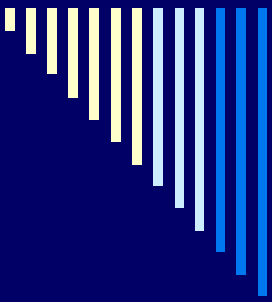
1. There is no plan.
2. Think strengths, not weaknesses.
3. It's not about you.
4. Persistence trumps talent.
5. Make excellent mistakes.
6. Leave an imprint.





Our targets

- Internship participation * 60 -70% have related experience by graduation
 - Career Center Utilization * 75 – 90%
 - Satisfaction with Career Center * 83% Very Satisfied or Satisfied
 - Satisfaction with Career-Related Professional Position * 89% Very Satisfied or Satisfied
 - Our employment rate up 3% in a down economy
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Questions ?

