

Freshman Seminar Presentations-Fall 2005 by Office of Career Services Summary of “*Career Connections*” Evaluations – Comments/Questions

Number of freshmen completing the evaluations: 163

Number of seminars who attended “*Career Connections*” seminars: 14 (out of 15)

What information (about the presentation) was most helpful to you?

Internships (75)
Graduate school (11)
All of it (10)
Student panel (8)
What Career Services offers (7)
Learning about all the people and books to help you (4)
Resources available at WC (4)
How to declare majors (3)
Major information (3)
SIGI Plus (3)
Deciding how to choose a career, programs you can choose (2)
Where to find Career Services (2)
Candy is a good incentive (2)
Knowing that someone here can help me with a major
Info about classes and workshops we can take
I already know a major, so not much of it
Assessments offered by Career Services
Interest, skills, and abilities section
Importance of needing connections
About alumni willing to help
Where to find all the info
Resumes, and SIGI
Interest survey info
Future career plans
Law school info
Scholarships

What information (about the presentation) was least helpful to you?

None (36)
About choosing a major or changing it (9)
Grad School information (6)
Assessments available (4)
Resources were overwhelming (2)
Internships (2)
Resumes (2)
The success rates-it just sounded like a sales pitch
As before, I pretty much have my college planned
How values correspond to my career choice
What medical schools and Ph.D.s look for
Asking people what careers they’ve had

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Continued - What information (about the presentation) was least helpful to you?

Sources of info for future profession
Finding my interest over expressed
Information about teachers
Overview of career process
What careers are out there
Hearing all about Cargill
To think they all help
Business major info
Books presented
Presentations
General tips
Panel

What specific suggestions do you have to improve the *Career Connections* Seminar?

None (28)
Shorten (5)
Make it more interesting (3)
Allow students opportunity to take Sigi Plus (2)
Think of more questions for us to ask (2)
More visuals, PP, videos, etc. (2)
Mixture of majors on panel (2)
More panel input (2)
Need bigger room (2)
Make it more organized; sometimes it seemed like she didn't know what to say
Go more in depth about specific companies that offer internships
Ask students interests and concentrate on specific careers
Have students ask questions out loud rather than on paper
Have a student panel that is more into the presentation
Examples of jobs that you can get with various majors
More interesting-maybe a slide show
Some how let us know you're there
More in depth about career options
How to tell if a job is right for you
Change internship requirements
Hand out more resource sheets
More interaction with students
More in depth explanations
More info on grad schools
Have a male on the panel
Include hands on activity
More group discussion
More on internships
Not as wordy

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What would you like to see added or changed about the (*Career Connections*) program?

Nothing (32)
Make it more brief (3)
More interesting (3)
More variety of panelists (2)
More information (2)
More about what we can do as freshman-information that is relevant now
Workshop where students could come in and work with career counselors
More info on what the LSAT and other tests are and how they are useful
More about the similarities of social aspects and getting a career
More about majors and what jobs go with majors you choose
Ways freshmen can use career resources more effectively
More about personal essays and standardized tests
Try to seem more willing to help students
Writing down questions is unnecessary
More in depth info about SIGI program
More majors represented on panel
Talk more about where alums are
More on careers linked to majors
More info about career options
More info on education majors
More students give examples
More student involvement
Science majors on panel
Internship requirements
It was very informative
Frequency of program
More internship info
Add resource sheets
More grad school info
More contact info

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General Questions for the Panel/Facilitator - not inclusive of all questions as some Mentors left with their student’s questions (questions below were written on paper):

- Do you do have internships for education majors, before student teaching program? (2)
- What is the best year to start internships? (2)
- How soon can I get an internship? (2)
- I love accounting and econ, but was planning to major in business admin-is it better to specialize in accounting or econ and major in business?
- Are the internship requirements completely set in stone and can you also receive credit while being compensated for your internship?
- Is it true that some schools will help a teacher go to grad school while they are employed there?
- If I’ve never had previous working experience, am I screwed later on when looking for a job?
- If I am interested in being a PE teacher, should I major in secondary or physical education?
- What percent of Westminster students go to med school and how good is premed program?
- How many hours a week would a person expect to put into an internship during a semester?
- Do you think it’s too early to be discouraged from a major due to a freshman year class?
- How much of a role do connections with important people play in getting a good job?
- What percentage of students here attend top 15 law schools or graduate programs?
- What is the best law school that anyone at Westminster has been able to get into?
- What are some of the hardest classes that your major requires you to take?
- What would you recommend if you are thinking about a double major?
- Do most students who do internships end up working at that business?
- Can anyone get an internship, or are their certain requirements?
- What is the 2nd most important quality that employers look for?
- How do I go about doing a self-designed major in ag business?
- Do you have any info for people entering the field of science?
- What is the percentage of people who go on for their masters?
- Have the panel members changed their major? If so, how many times?
- Is career services involved in study abroad programs?
- Are internships through the college paid positions?
- How does study abroad tie into internship credits?
- How did you know what you wanted to major in?
- What are the graduate program acceptance rates?
- How important is money to your career choice?
- Which major is best to prepare for med school?
- Are internships difficult to find for your major?
- When would you suggest we declare a major?
- How do I choose a career that’s right for me?
- How much can you earn from an internship?
- How do you go about finding an internship?
- Are there many science related internships?
- How many of you are going to grad school?
- How do you learn how to write a resume?
- Where do we go to declare/change major?
- Placement rate in grad school?
- How to choose a grad school?