Connecting to Careers and Beyond

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Guiding Theory

Theory of Self-Authorship

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AAC&U: LEAP Initiatives
Designing Your Life

Life Design Approach

Design Thinking

Get curious

Talk to people

Take action
Designing Your Life

Life Design Approach

Design Thinking

- Get curious = Inform
- Talk to people = Discern
- Take action = Affirm
Inform: Getting Curious

What Can I Do with This Major
- Partner: Orientation/Advising

Peer Leaders
- Partner: First-Year Program
Discern: Talking to People

Alumni Mixers

- Partners:
  Alumni Association,
  Academic Departments

Micro-Internship
Affirm: Taking Actions

Pop Up Camera & LinkedIn
- Partners: Servant Leadership & Greek Life

Resume & Interviews
- Partner: Academic Tutoring & Virtual Free Interview Prep.
Integration with Academics

Experiential Learning

- Alumni Mixer & Dept. visits
- Project-Based Learning
- Career Workshops for Faculty
Integration with Academics

- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Honors
- Global Engagement
Nexus Degrees

Nexus degrees are designed to prepare students for very specific careers and workforce needs. The degree has 60 credit hours (42 in General Education, 12 upper level content-focused courses, and 6 hours of internship/experiential learning).

At Columbus State, we offer the following Nexus degrees:

- Film Production (Started Fall 2020 - currently 31 students, 2 students graduated December 2020)
- Cybersecurity of FinTech (Started Fall 2020- currently 18 students)
- Public Safety (Will Start Fall 2021)
Nexus Degrees and Experiential Learning

● Partnerships
  ○ Film Production - Georgia Film Academy, Columbus Film Commission
  ○ Cybersecurity of FinTech - Global Payments (TSYS), Synovus, Aflac
  ○ Public Safety - City of Columbus, Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire Department

● Industry Certifications

● Internships and Apprenticeships

● Employment Opportunities