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
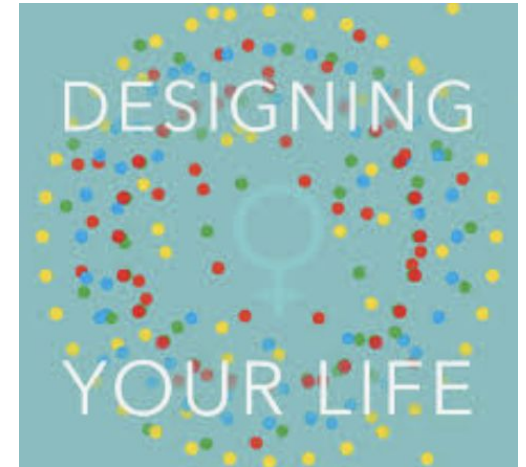
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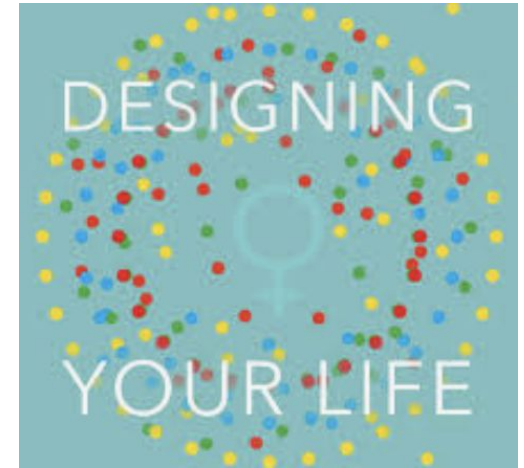 **Talk to people**   **= Discern**

 Take action   **= Affirm**
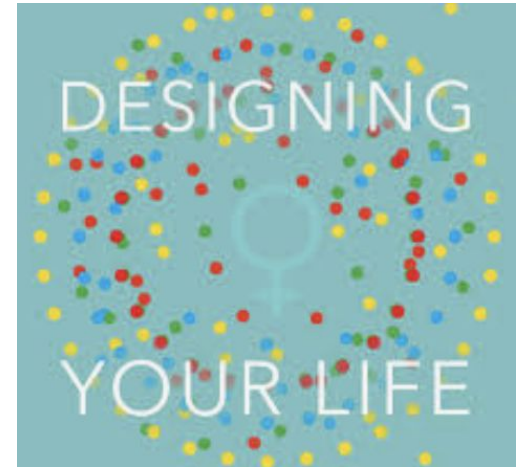
Inform: Getting Curious

What Can I Do with This Major

- **Partner: Orientation/ Advising**

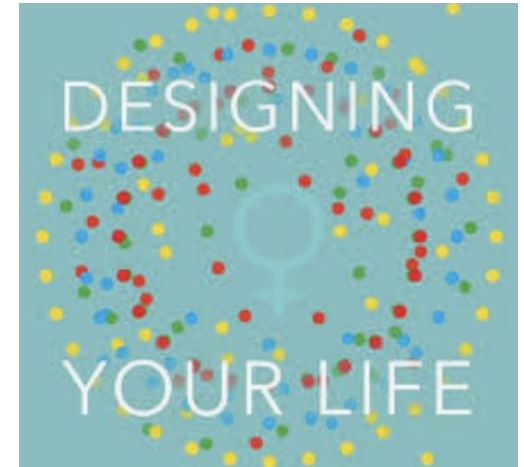**Peer Leaders**

- **Partner: First-Year Program**

Discern: Talking to People

Alumni Mixers

- **Partners:**
  Alumni Association,
  Academic Departments
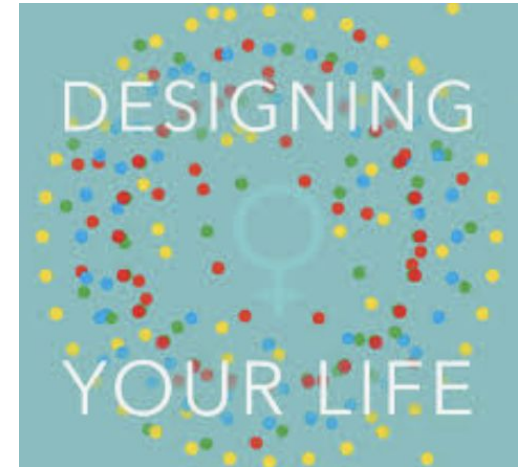
Micro-Internship

Affirm: Taking Actions

Pop Up Camera & LinkedIn

- **Partners: Servant Leadership & Greek Life**

Resume & Interviews

- **Partner: Academic Tutoring & Virtual Free Interview Prep.**

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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

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