

# Professional Development

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The Professional Development area within OUS offers programming, mentoring support, and courses that enable students to identify their strengths, explore professional and educational options, and develop the skills necessary to prepare them for professional life. Through this process, we empower students to pursue their aspirations. The Professional Development curricular component provides students with a foundation for learning how their academic knowledge and skills transfer into the professional world. Students learn how to create a professional résumé, research careers and industries, identify internships, answer job interview questions, and network with alumni. Additional courses offered to enhance professional growth include the Legal Profession, Professional Communication, Networking for Success, Social Networking, Creativity and Innovation, and Introduction to Professional Writing.

The BRIDGE Society in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is designed to: build relationships among students and alumni in the College; inspire both student professional development and alumni institutional development; provide a forum for students to gain the experiences necessary to forge their future direction. The BRIDGE Society: provides an opportunity for students to identify with the College, in addition to their major; creates the opportunity for student leadership within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; gives students the opportunity to explore potential career paths and meet alumni & employers in their fields of interest.