## **YOUR** Major Action Plan: Economics



What is YOUR passion?	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
Research	<ul> <li>Complete at least 30 hours including BUSI 1100, MATH 1324, MATH 1325, ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, ECON 2301, and ECON 2302.</li> <li>See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, <u>Academic Advising Guide</u>, and file your degree plan.</li> </ul>	- Complete at least 30 credit hours. - See a COBA Academic Advisor.
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Forecasting	<ul> <li>Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of <u>career counseling and career assessments</u> through Career Services.</li> <li>Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through <u>TexanSync</u>.</li> <li>Attend <u>Study Skills</u> sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year.</li> <li>Attend or use <u>Academic Resource Center Coaching</u>, <u>Math Clinic</u>, <u>tutoring options</u>, and <u>Writing Center</u>.</li> <li>Know the FAFSA deadlines each year.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Explore available <u>Applied Learning Experiences</u> (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences.</li> <li>Join COBA student organizations such as the Tarleton Economics Society and COBA Law Society.</li> <li>Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects offered by the Department of Economics</li> </ul>
Economic Advising	<ul> <li>Know the <u>FAFSA deadlines</u> each year.</li> <li>Seek help from <u>Student Counseling Center</u> for home sickness, depression, or other issues</li> <li>Feeling ill? Visit <u>Student Health Services</u> for physical health related concerns.</li> </ul>	S.
Teaching	<ul> <li>Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects.</li> <li>Start researching the <u>marketable skills</u> that employers are seeking.</li> <li>Get involved in <u>Service Day</u> and Tarleton Roundup.</li> <li>Apply to be a <u>Residential Leader</u> (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM).</li> <li>Run for <u>Freshman Representative Council</u> with SGA (Student Government Association).</li> <li>Look into <u>Greek Organizations</u> to network and build community.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>Volunteer Match</u> or <u>United Way</u> to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment.</li> <li>Attend events offered by <u>The Office of Diversity and Inclusion</u> and <u>Fine Arts Center</u> for cultural and diversity awareness.</li> <li>Participate in <u>Alternative Spring Break</u>.</li> <li>Run for <u>Student Government Association.</u></li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Check out part-time jobs in <u>Career Services employment system</u> to gain work experience from your resume.</li> <li>Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire.</li> <li>Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission).</li> <li>Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through <u>SALT.</u></li> </ul>	or - Explore <u>career opportunities</u> within your major. - Ask <u>Career Services</u> how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional <u>resume</u> . - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. as - Create your online portfolio through <u>Portfolium</u> . Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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What is YOUR passion?		3rd YEAR	4th YEAR
Research and Forecasting	YOUR Target Courses	- Complete at least 30 credit hours including ECON 3302 and ECON 3303. - See a COBA Academic Advisor.	<ul> <li>Complete remaining credit hours.</li> <li>Meet with your advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate.</li> </ul>
Economic Advising	Find YOUR Way	<ul> <li>Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major.</li> <li>Consider participating in an undergraduate research project.</li> <li>Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest.</li> <li>Take part in the <u>Official Ring Ceremony</u>.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Offer to take on leadership roles in COBA organizations.</li> <li>Attend targeted networking opportunities such as the COBA Job Fair to build connections with employers in your field.</li> </ul>
Teaching	Sharpen YOUR Skills	<ul> <li>Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs.</li> <li>Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>All For Good</u>.</li> <li>Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <u>CareerOneStop.org</u> sponsored by the US Department of Labor.</li> <li>Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace.</li> <li>Become an <u>Academic Resource Center- Coach Leader</u> (ARC-C Leader)</li> <li>Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the <u>Career Service's employment system</u> or the <u>College Internship</u> <u>Program's website</u>.</li> </ul>
Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <u>Occupational</u> <u>Outlook Handbook</u> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.	OUR Next Ste	<ul> <li>Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your <u>iob-search campaign</u>, schedule <u>mock interviews</u>, resume critiques, and a <u>Business Etiquette Dinner</u>.</li> <li>Create a <u>LinkedIn</u> profile to further your professional networking.</li> <li>Check the <u>Career Services calendar</u> for career development workshops.</li> <li>Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services <u>job fairs</u>.</li> <li>Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for <u>TSU College of Graduate Studies</u>.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>File for GRADUATION</u>!</li> <li>Update your resume in the <u>Career Service's employment system</u>, Portfolium, and LinkedIn.</li> <li>Compile reference letters, awards, etc.</li> <li>Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews.</li> <li>Attend job fairs and dress professionally.</li> <li>Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to <u>negotiate a salary</u>.</li> <li>Graduate! Congratulations!</li> <li>Join the <u>Tarleton Alumni Association</u> to stay connected to the University. <u>BLEED PURPLE</u>!</li> </ul>