YOUR Major Action Plan: Computer Information Systems

What is YOUR passion?		1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
Computer and Information Research Scientists	**YOUR Target Courses**	- Complete at least 30 credit hours BUSI 1100, MATH Core, Additional MATH, ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302 and BCIS 1305. - See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, Academic Advising Guide, and file your degree plan.	- Complete at least 30 credit hours - BBA track will need to complete ACCT 2301, ACCT 2302, ECON 2301, ECON 2302, MGMT 2301, and MKTG 2314. - Utilize the Accounting Lab for assistance with ACCT 2301/2302 course work. - See a COBA Academic Advisor.
Computer Network Architects Computer Programmers Computer Support Specialists	**Find YOUR Way**	- Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of career counseling and career assessments through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through TexanSync. - Attend Study Skills sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use Academic Resource Center Coaching, Math Clinic, tutoring options, and Writing Center. - Know the FAFSA deadlines each year. - Seek help from Student Counseling Center for home sickness, depression, or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit Student Health Services for physical health related concerns. - Join COBA student organizations such as the Association of Information Technology Professionals.	- Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences.
Database Administrators Software Developers	**Sharpen YOUR Skills**	- Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects. - Start researching the marketable skills that employers are seeking. - Get involved in Service Day and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a Residential Leader (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM). - Run for Freshman Representative Council with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into Greek Organizations to network and build community.	- Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through Volunteer Match or United Way to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Fine Arts Center for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in Alternative Spring Break. - Run for Student Government Association.
Information Security Analysts	**YOUR Next Steps**	- Check out part-time jobs in Career Services employment system to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire. - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through SALT. - Meet the College of Business Administration Career Development Coordinator.	- Explore career opportunities within your major. - Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional resume. - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through Portfolium. Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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What is YOUR passion?		3rd YEAR	4th YEAR

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Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the Occupational Outlook Handbook powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.
	YOUR Target Courses	- Complete at least 30 credit hours including BCIS 3333 and BCIS 3343.
		   - BBA track will also need to complete FINC 3301 and BUSI 3311.
		- See a COBA Academic Advisor.
			- Complete remaining credit hours.
			   - BBA track will need to complete BUSI 4359.
			- Consider taking BCIS 4385 as a BCIS upper level Elective for professional-level enrichment.
			- Meet with your advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate.

	Find YOUR Way	- Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major. - Consider participating in an undergraduate research project. - Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest. - Take part in the Official Ring Ceremony.	- Offer to take on leadership roles in COBA organizations. - Attend targeted networking opportunities such as the COBA Job Fair to build connections with employers in your field. - Attend Grad School Fair
	Sharpen YOUR Skills	- Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs. - Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through All For Good. - Need to get more experience and skills? Check out CareerOneStop.org sponsored by the US Department of Labor. - Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace. - Become an Academic Resource Center– Coach Leader (ARC-C Leader) - Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area.	- Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the Career Service's employment system or the College Internship Program's website.
	YOUR Next Steps	- Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your job-search campaign, schedule mock interviews, resume critiques, and a Business Etiquette Dinner. - Create a LinkedIn profile to further your professional networking. - Check the Career Services calendar for career development workshops. - Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services job fairs. - Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for TSU College of Graduate Studies.	- File for GRADUATION! - Update your resume in the Career Service's employment system, Portfolium, and LinkedIn. - Compile reference letters, awards, etc. - Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews. - Attend job fairs and dress professionally. - Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to negotiate a salary. - Graduate! Congratulations! - Join the Tarleton Alumni Association to stay connected to the University. **BLEED PURPLE!**