

# Arts & Entertainment Milestones

*"Creativity is an energy, a precious energy,  
and it's something to be protected."*

*- Ava DuVernay*

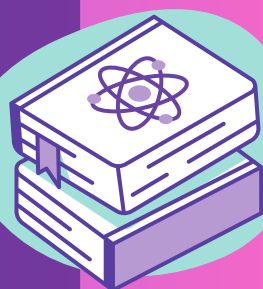
## Exploration

People who pursue careers in the arts are interested in self-expression and creative fulfillment. There are many different options in arts and entertainment including but not limited to design, media, writing, and film. The information below will help you explore your options and how you can make the most out of your time at UC Riverside.



## Year 1: Transition to New Territory

- Take an assessment through the UCR Career Center
- Meet with your major advisor to review your course plan
- Review your University Honors requirements for first-years
- Join a club or organization and volunteer on a committee
- Review and explore different careers in arts and entertainment
- Meet with a CHASS Career Specialist



## Year 2: Try New Experiences

- Review and apply for scholarships and awards
- Begin developing an artistic portfolio
- Consider applying for a leadership position
- Attend resume writing and internship workshops
- Setup a profile on Handshake and LinkedIn
- Attend a career or internship Fair
- Consider experiential opportunities such as an internship



## Year 3: Breaking the Comfort Zone

- Explore graduate programs and their requirements to apply
- Stand out by leading a project or event within an organization
- Take an upper-division course that will challenge you
- Explore how you can connect your Honors capstone to your career
- Conduct an informational interview with a creative professional
- Consider joining an honors society or another networking group



## Year 4: Your Time to Shine

- Meet with your advisor to make sure you are on track to graduate
- Complete Honors requirements including your capstone project
- Meet with Career Specialist to update resume and online profiles
- Complete a mock interview with a staff member or mentor
- Consider participation in an arts showcase or performance
- Attend career fairs offered by the UCR Career Center



## Capstone Project Idea

Create a collection of art pieces themed around a topic that is important to you. You can create a collection of acrylic paintings themed around food insecurity in southern California. Then you can write a short paper describing the meaning and motivation behind your collection of art.

Creative Project Example:

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/2pj9x4sz>

