

CONNECT

CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

FIND A PATH

The CONNECT program supports students as they navigate the transition to post-graduate life. Through program activities, students will learn to recognize the connections between their interests and academic choices, emphasizing the value of professional development. They will also participate in various types of experiences that will help them explore career opportunities, gain valuable skills, and build professional networks.

In addition to satisfying the university requirements for the bachelor's degree, each student with a major in the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering, declaring under the 2019-2020 catalog or later, must complete the CONNECT Career Readiness Program. The following chart identifies the components and sequence of the program, which must be completed at least one month before graduation.

**LOOK FOR THE
CONNECT STAMP!**



EARNING POINTS

In addition to the three core activities, students must earn nine flexible points. Students can track their CONNECT program progress by logging into the Career Readiness page of the MySanDiego portal.

THREE CORE

CONNECT
ORIENTATION

NETWORKING
EVENT

SENIOR
GRADUATION
SURVEY

NINE FLEXIBLE

RESEARCH

CONNECT
APPROVED
EVENT

INTERNSHIP

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT



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CONNECT ORIENTATION

All students must complete a CONNECT orientation after declaring their major.

NETWORKING EVENT

All students must attend at least one networking event to complete the CONNECT program. Networking events have a built-in programmatic element that helps students utilize their community and grow their network.

GRADUATION SURVEY

All students must take this survey on the Seniors page of the MySanDiego portal once they have completed 103 units.

FLEXIBLE POINTS

In addition to the orientation, networking event, and senior survey, students must earn nine CONNECT points by attending approved events listed on the Career Readiness page of the MySanDiego portal or by completing experiential education activities, such as an internship or research.

Step 1: Complete the "Experiential Learning Registration" found on the MySanDiego portal before starting an internship.

Step 2: Once the internship has concluded, fill out the "Experiential Learning Reflection" form on the MySanDiego portal.

DEGREE CLEARANCE

The CONNECT program is listed under a student's requirements in Degree Works. Once all components of the program have been completed, the Career Development Center will certify satisfaction of this graduation requirement.

DEADLINES

May and August graduates must complete the CONNECT program 30 days before the final day of spring semester classes. December graduates must complete the CONNECT program 30 days before the final day of fall semester classes.

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- Points earned or still needed can be tracked on the personalized point tracker within the Career Readiness page of the MySanDiego portal.
- A student must attend an entire event in order to earn the CONNECT points.
- If a student is double majoring, only the Career Readiness program associated with the primary major is required. A student can select their primary major during the declaration of major process.
- If a student changes majors from the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering to either the College of Arts and Sciences or the School of Business, flex points can carry over. A student must attend the orientation of the new program to transfer the flex points to the new respective program.
- Students do not need to earn a specific number of points each semester, although it is strongly recommended that students begin attending events and engaging in career readiness programming early.
- A student can receive up to three flexible points before declaring a major.
- If a student completes two separate internships or research experiences, they may only earn a maximum of three flexible points.