

## ***Plotting Your Career Course after Graduation***

### **Step 1 – Start Planning Now**

Career Counseling

- Meet with the Director of Career Services to begin some realistic goal setting:
  - Where do you want to work?
  - What skills do you have?
  - Have you done an internship?

### **Step 2 – Attend Workshops**

Career Services has a schedule of workshops that are designed to help you retool and refine the things you need in your job search:

- Resume and Cover letter Writing
- Interview Tips and Etiquette

### **Step 3 – Research the Job Market**

Knowing the current job market for your field is important; it changes almost daily as companies either expand or cutback:

- Trade/industry websites and blogs
- Follow newspapers and journals
  - Business Journal
  - USA Today
  - Business Weekly

### **Step 4 – Networking**

A major part of job searching is “who you know.” This is why internships are so important; it is the building of connections in your field that will pay huge dividends when the time comes! Here are some examples

- Friends
- Alumni of SSU
- Business cards collected from internship
- Career Fairs attended (from postings on school website under Career Services)