

Career Seminar

Ten Year Academic and Career Development Plan

The purpose of this assignment is for you to think specifically and realistically about what you will do to develop in the academic and career areas over the next ten years, and to help you engage in some self-exploration. Please use the following format/headings in your paper. We are all aware that your goals and timelines are likely to change, so it is understood that this is a tentative plan.

Part I: Introduction

- What are your primary interests?
- Why are you majoring in the social and behavioral sciences area?
- What does this field have to offer you?
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Part II: Philosophy of Ministry

- How do you define ministry?
- How do you conceptualize God's plan or calling in your life?
- How do you see working in this field as an expression of God's calling?
- How does a major in this field fit into your ideas about ministry and God's calling?

Part III: Self-Appraisal

- Identify and describe your talents, gifts, abilities, dreams, and potential that will equip you for a career in this field
- How have other important persons in your life confirmed these talents, etc.?

Part IV: Present Career and Academic Goals

- What are your goals over the next ten years in relation to academics? What specific steps are necessary?
- What are your goals over the next ten years in relation to your vocation? What specific steps are necessary?
- What are your longer-term goals in both of these areas?
- What alternative goals do you have?

Part V: Conclusion

- What have you learned as a result of this process? What are you learning about yourself? About the field? About God's leading?