**Project II – The Career Plan/Taking the Next Step**

Possible 100 points

DUE: Wednesday, May 10th by 11:55pm

Outline your next steps with regard to your career path. *You must clearly and distinctly incorporate course concepts into your discussion of your next steps. That is, I will be looking for theories, practices, etc. we discussed in class. Please be specific and detailed in your plan.*

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONS**: In a 2 to 3 page paper, clearly address ALL of the following questions. The paper must be in double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font, with 1-inch margins on all four sides. This is either an opportunity to reflect on what you have done already to prepare for your future career, or what you plan to do.

1. What two opportunities have you / will you seek out (e.g., jobs/internships, particular coursework, extracurricular activities, leadership positions, volunteer experiences, networking events, etc.) that prepares you for your career? (**5 points)** Why have you (or will you have) chosen these opportunities in particular (over and above others)? (**20 points)**  When will you / when did you pursue each of these opportunities and discuss the rationale for choosing this timeline? **(10 points)**
2. What two strategies (e.g. complete a mock interview, conduct an informational interview, contact a professional organization, reach out to a person in your network, meet with a Career Counselor, craft a cover letter that focuses on certain of your skills, etc.) will you / have you employ(ed) to increase your chances of successfully obtaining the opportunities that you are pursuing? **(10 points)** When will / did you do this? **(5 points)** Why are / were these strategies best in your situation? **(25 points)**
3. What specific resources (e.g., consult with your academic advisor, obtain Career Counseling, review articles highlighting changes in the market, contact a librarian for help learning more about a particular agency, consult with upperclassmen who have taken a particular course before, etc.) will you / did you utilize in order to execute your strategies? **(5 points)** Discuss how these resources are / were a timely fit for your situation. **(10 points)** What do you foresee as (or what was) an obstacle for you personally in engaging in this sort of career exploration? **(10 points)**

**BASIC GUIDELINES**: Be detailed and specific when giving your answers. *I am concerned with your thought process and your ability to apply course concepts to your unique path. It is not enough to provide a basic, one sentence answer to any question above.*

**RESOURCES**: Make use of lecture material, links, and other resources provided throughout the course. Also, be sure to visit the Career Center website for supplemental information.

**GRADING**: Your grade will be based on (1) the extent to which you ADDRESS EACH of the questions above, (2) the extent to which you EXPLICITLY integrate concepts explored in the course and apply them to your career path, and (3) the level of detail and specificity that you include.