

PACE Map

Personal, Academic & Career Exploration

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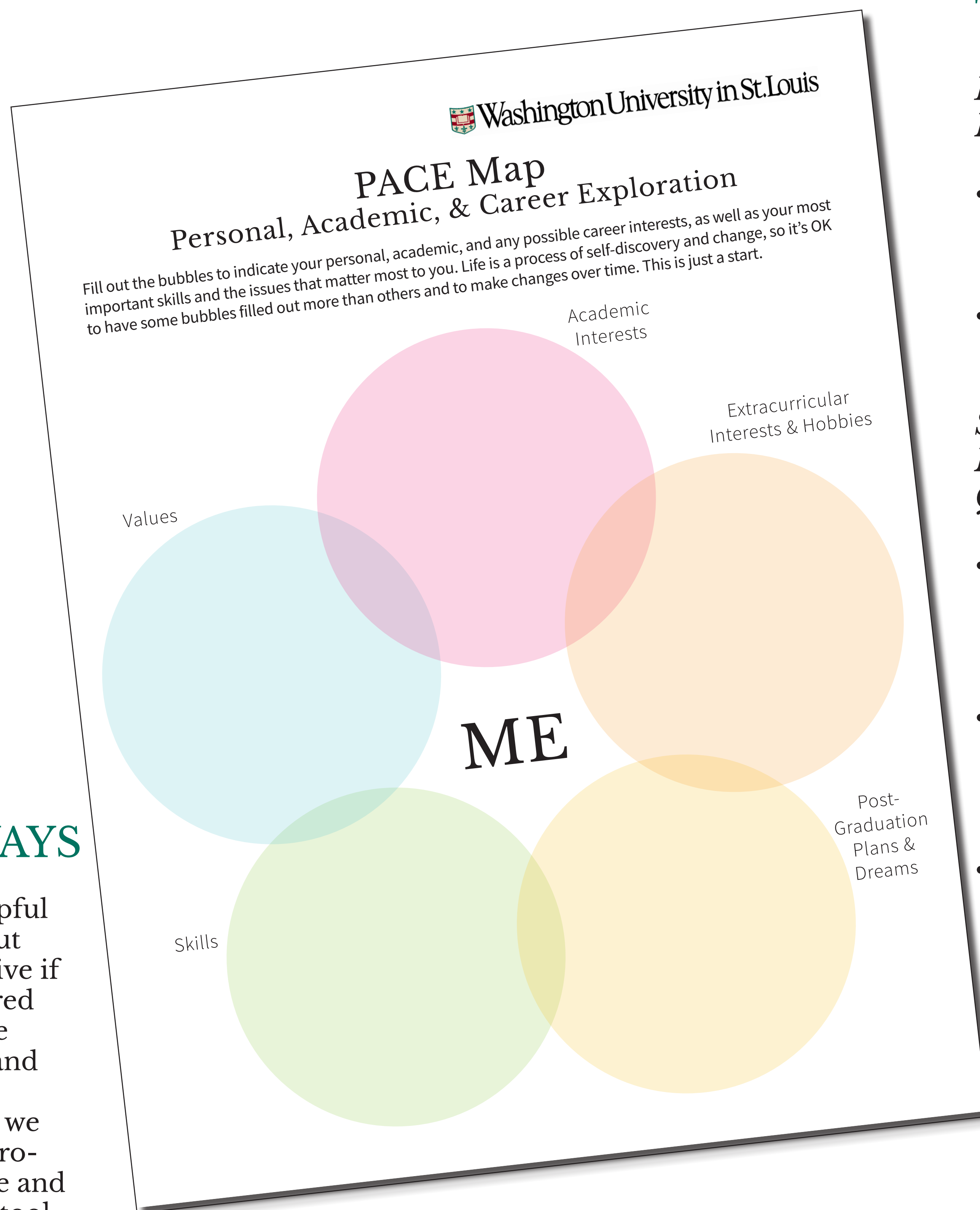
The PACE Map was developed as a tool to foster a holistic approach to undergraduate academic advising. We wanted a simple visual to encourage a more broad and rich dialogue between the first year student and advisor about academics and life planning.

DETAILS

This was a collaborative effort between the College of Arts & Sciences and the Career Center. It came about after 4-5 years of collaborative work between the offices, wherein the central question was “how does major relate to career?” In 2017-18, eight advisors and over 200 first-year students participated in a pilot using the PACE Map and self-reflection questions.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The PACE map is helpful for 1:1 conversation but would be more effective if it were able to be shared electronically with the student, the advisor, and possibly the student’s “Cabinet.” In 2018-19 we will take the next micro-step in technology use and hope to integrate the tool more fully in the future.
- Working across academic and career lines has been challenging. For some departments adoption is slow.
- Students both in and outside of the pilot are being assessed for achievement of advising goals.



TRIAL RUN

First Student Meeting Reflection Questions:

- Among the things you most hope to achieve or do this year, choose one and describe it.
- What’s necessary to make this happen?

Second Student Meeting Reflection Questions:

- Did you make any changes to your PACE Map today? If so, take a moment to describe the changes you made.
- As you get started with life at WashU, how are you pursuing some of the interests identified in the PACE Map?
- As you pursue those interests, what’s working for you? What, if anything, would you like to do differently?

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