



Freshman Year

- Work with your academic advisor to set your academic plan for your intended career track.
- Talk with a career counselor about your interests and set career goals.
- Explore possible second majors, minors, or pre-professional programs.
- Research whether your chosen career track requires additional certifications, licenses, or graduate degrees.
- Ask a career counselor about informational interviews or job opportunities.
- Meet with Career Services to start developing a professional résumé.
- Get involved with at least one campus event, organization, or sport to develop leadership and organizational skills.

Sophomore Year

- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your major and clarify program requirements.
- Develop your leadership and other marketable skills through campus and community involvement.
- Consider participating in community service or Social Impact Trips to explore your career interests.
- Hone your communication skills by taking a writing or communication course.
- Explore careers through job shadowing and informational interviews with professionals in the field related to your interests.
- Use online career resources to search for internships and job openings.
- If you're interested in graduate school, make a list of potential programs, including their prerequisites and admission requirements. Connect with your academic advisor to ensure your academic plan matches the requirements.

Junior Year

- Meet with your academic advisor to ensure you are on track for your anticipated graduation date.
- Update your résumé and meet with Career Services for a formal review.
- Secure an internship to explore a chosen profession and gain hands-on experience in the workplace.
- Establish your profile with a professional photo on LinkedIn and other career-related sites.
- During Junior Mentoring, talk with faculty members in your major about your intended career track to learn more about your intended career track to gain more knowledge about the field.
- If you are pursuing graduate school, start preparing for any required entrance exams (e.g., GRE, LSAT, MCAT).
- Attend interviewing, résumé, and job search workshops.

Senior Year

- Check in with your academic advisor to make sure you are on track for graduation.
- Build your professional network through events like career and alumni panels and the AU career fair.
- Update your résumé with internship experience and transferable skills.
- Perfect your interviewing skills by participating in a mock interview session.
- Finalize graduate school applications.
 - » Secure letters of recommendation.
 - » Meet with a career counselor to review your personal statement and other application materials.
- Tailor your cover letter and résumé for specific job applications.
- Share your post-graduation plans with Career Services.

Connect with the Crouse Center and Career Services

Use the contact information below to set up appointments with Career Services and the Crouse Center for Academic Advising throughout your time at AU.

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