Junior year is the year to sharpen your focus and build your credentials. Networking with possible employers, gaining experience in your field, and delving into your major coursework are all important parts of this year’s plan. With the help of academic advisors, the Career Counseling Center and Career Services, consider developing a graduate/professional school or employment plan and set achievable goals for yourself that will lead to success.

**Academics**

- Aim for outstanding academic performance, especially in your major.
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to confirm that you have an appropriate plan to complete all requirements necessary for your major and for graduation.
- Decide if graduate or professional school is necessary to reach your career goals. If it is, start planning at the beginning of your junior year. Research programs and admission deadlines.
- Get information on graduate entrance examinations, and consider scheduling testing dates.
- Look for research and/or group project opportunities through academic department.

**Career**

- Visit Career Services and review information resources to identify career fields you wish to consider further.
- Seek out internships, cooperative education, community service and summer employment which will help you acquire new skills, learn more about careers and develop a network of contacts. Visit Career Services Online for job listings.
- Update your resume and have it critiqued by the office of Career Services. Upload the revised version on Career Services Online; visit Career Services for resume and cover letter resources and assistance.
- Attend Career Fairs, workshops, and panels sponsored by Career Services.
- Sign up for a Mock Interview to practice your interviewing skills. Visit Career Services for information.
- Learn appropriate attire for recruitment events. Purchase a business professional suit and shoes.

**Extracurricular**

- Seek leadership responsibilities in extracurricular activities.
- Continue to develop your interpersonal and leadership skills through extracurricular, service learning and volunteer activities.
- Continue to network. Talk to family, friends, advisors, and instructors about your career plans.
- Conduct information interviews with professionals in your fields of interest.

**Action Steps**

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**Notes**

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