

Major Game Plan for Success

Below is a list of activities suggested to maximize your campus experience and to set yourself up for post-graduation success. You do not have to follow this timeline exactly or do everything in this table. However, the more steps that you do undertake and accomplish, the better prepared you will be at the end of our college years.

	Academics	Work Experience	Community Service	Career Exploration
1st Year Test the Waters	<p>Explore your interests by attending classes and presentations related to those areas of interest</p> <p>Continue building on your academic strength from high school or develop new strengths within your classes</p> <p>Consider studying abroad and explore the various programs as they relate to your personal, career and academic goals</p>	<p>Consider taking a part-time job if you have the time</p> <p>Consider your summer job as a way of building wealth and building skills to put on your resume</p>	<p>Consider volunteering to help build your resume and broaden your experiences</p> <p>Explore university clubs & organizations that match your interests, including the Economics Student Association</p>	<p>Meet with a career counselor to explore your values, interests, and skills</p> <p>Write your resume</p>
2nd Year Dive In	<p>Complement the strengths of your major(s) with classes that will give you other career skills</p> <p>Consider a second major that you will enjoy studying</p> <p>Declare your major(s) by the end of your second year to take advantage of the opportunities within your major</p> <p>Attend an “Economics Major Orientation to learn about academic and career services available to you and to get into BuckyNet, the recruiting database of the Business Career Center</p>	<p>Consider using summer job opportunities as a way of building your resume</p> <p>Plan to complete at least one internship by the beginning of your senior year</p>	<p>Join university clubs and organizations that will offer you experiences in leadership, teamwork and communication</p>	<p>Attend career and job fairs and other employment-related events to gather information related to career options and to preview your future job hunt</p> <p>Update your resume</p>

<p>3rd Year Start Kicking</p>	<p>Consider graduate school and explore the various options and programs available to you</p> <p>Attend classes and get outstanding grades, especially if you plan to attend graduate school in the future</p> <p>Attend an “Econ Majors Orientation” if you haven’t already (see description under “Second Year”)</p> <p>Consult with your Academic Advisor(s) to ensure that you’re on track to graduate</p>	<p>Search for internship opportunities in BuckyNet and other sources of job postings</p> <p>Submit resumes and interview for a summer internship in your field</p> <p>Look for University-sponsored research opportunities and/or look into research opportunities in your other major(s)</p>	<p>Take on more responsibilities in volunteering and/or club activities</p>	<p>Update your resume and have it critiqued by your Econ Career Advisor</p> <p>Research careers by job shadowing, doing informational interviews, and reading books, trade journals and websites</p> <p>Research potential employers by attending career and job fairs, information sessions at the BCC, and doing additional reading</p> <p>Attend seminars and recruiting activities</p>
<p>4th+ Year Adult Swim</p>	<p>Apply for grad school (Fall) and visit the schools if possible</p> <p>Consult with your Academic Advisor(s) to ensure that you’re on track to graduate</p> <p>Plan to keep at least one of your final papers as a writing sample for applying to grad school or to use in job hunting</p>	<p>Begin your job search for a post-graduation position (starting in the Fall)</p> <p>Use BuckyNet to identify interesting job postings and submit your resume to companies and organizations</p> <p>Use other job searching websites and resources to identify job openings and apply to them</p> <p>Participate in On Campus Recruiting at the Business Career Center and L&S Career Services</p>	<p>Continue to participate in volunteering and/or club activities in a meaningful way as time allows</p>	<p>Update your resume(s)</p> <p>Develop an employer prospects list with contact names and addresses</p> <p>Gather information on realistic salary expectations</p> <p>Identify and secure 3-5 professional references/letter of recommendation</p> <p>Learn about salary negotiation, relocation expenses, and other topics associated with landing a job</p>