


Senior Year

Achieve

- ⇒ **Pick September:** The best month to meet with a Career Advisor to chart a strategic plan for the year.
- ⇒ **Polish your skills:** Update your resume and portfolio, hone your job search and skills, attend the protocol dinner and participating in recruiting events.
- ⇒ **Do your research:** Graduate school or employment— do your homework, identify deadlines, application requirements, and don't forget to **network!**
- ⇒ **Define your "brand:"** What sets you apart from your peers? Why should the employer or graduate school pick you? Define it, believe it, and say it with confidence!
- ⇒ **Speaking of brands:**  Just do it! And remember that we are here for you every step of the way!

RU & You Make it Personal

⇒ **Freshman Year, I will:**

⇒ **Junior Year, I will:**

⇒ **Sophomore Year, I will:**

⇒ **Junior Year, I will:**



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Career Services and Community Engagement

*...working together to help you find
your place in the world*

A Four Year Plan *Steps to success...*

Embarking upon a successful career path means starting the journey early (now) and taking the steps along the way to find your place in the world.

Step 1: Come find us!

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Walker Hall 275

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Freshman Year

Engage

- ⇒ **Attend Club Fair:** Join at least one campus organization and become an active member.
- ⇒ **Attend the Volunteer & Service Fair:** Seek opportunities to engage with your new community— on and off campus.
- ⇒ **Attend Major Fair:** Explore a variety of majors with your academic advisor and meet with a Career Counselor.
- ⇒ **Position yourself for success:** Study hard, obtain tutoring if needed and get to know your academic advisor.
- ⇒ **Learn how to write a really good resume:** Get in the habit of seeking out opportunities early.
- ⇒ **Scope out Summer Jobs:** Use that resume you wrote and you are already a step ahead!

Sophomore Year

Explore

- ⇒ **Commit to a major:** Take advantage of CS&CE career assessments, Career Development Seminar (COED 260) and academic advising to confirm your choice of a major and explore minors that will enhance your career options.
- ⇒ **Stay engaged:** Become a leader of a campus organization, work on your team building, organization, time management, and communication skills.
- ⇒ **Step out of your comfort zone:** Explore opportunities to study abroad or participate in alternative break programs to gain a wider perspective of the world.
- ⇒ **Start to build your portfolio and update your resume:** Take advantage of CS&CE workshops and use your new expertise to get a great summer internship!

Junior Year

Focus

- ⇒ **Look ahead:** This is the time to fill in gaps. If graduate school is in your future, do you need to get research experience under your belt? If it is a career, what coursework or experiences will enhance your marketability?
- ⇒ **Focus on your academics:** Employers and graduate schools do look at your GPA, so continue to study hard and obtain tutoring if needed.
- ⇒ **Cultivate a Career Network:** Talk regularly with faculty, attend programs with alumni, stay in touch with former supervisors... you get the idea.
- ⇒ **Internship!** Sixty percent of internships convert to full time offers? Need we say more.

This way to Senior Year

