

# JUNIOR MILESTONES

Objectives: Expand your network | Gain experience | Develop leadership skills

## **ACADEMICS & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

- Take advanced, exploratory courses in your major
- Engage in a research project, internship, or field experience related to your career goals
- Pursue a study abroad opportunity
- Work closely with faculty for **recommendation letters** and **mentorship**
- Utilize the Center for Leadership Development to strengthen your **leadership** and **professional skills**

## **CAREER EXPLORATION & GOAL SETTING**

- Identify 2–3 career paths of interest and learn about daily responsibilities, required education, and job outlook
- Create your resume and LinkedIn profile
- Attend career fairs, industry panels, or networking events
- Schedule a mock interview with the Career Center
- Prepare and gather **graduate school materials early** – many programs want applications by end of Junior year

## **JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE**

- August:** Use course syllabi to plan Fall semester | Begin working on resume and narrowing career interests
- September:** Get advised for Spring classes | Attend Fall career fairs and apply for Spring internships
- October:** Register for Spring classes | Submit FAFSA for Senior year | Begin gathering materials for grad school
- January:** Use course syllabi to plan Spring semester | Apply for scholarships | Research Summer internships, research, and shadowing opportunities
- February:** Get advised for Fall classes
- March:** Register for Fall classes | Ask for letters of recommendation for grad school or job applications
- May:** Plan for Senior capstone, internship, or research project