

CAREER SERVICES 4-YEAR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Use this guide to prepare for your future career

YEAR ONE

Explore

- ☐ Schedule an appointment with a career counselor to help you decide on a major or career that fits your goals
- ☐ Join an on-campus student organization to develop skills and to connect with others
- ☐ Draft a professional college-level resume and submit it to [Handshake](#) for review or to apply for on-campus or part-time jobs
- ☐ Attend at least one career event to start learning about different industries and careers
- ☐ Utilize online resources such as [FOCUS 2](#) and [What Can I do With This Major?](#)

YEAR TWO

Discover

- ☐ Meet with your career counselor to start the process of finding internships or other experiential education experiences
- ☐ Shadow career professionals and ask thoughtful questions about your intended career field
- ☐ Develop your personal pitch and practice it at Career Services' networking events, such as the Fall and Spring Career Expos
- ☐ Complete your profile on [Handshake](#) and search for available internships
- ☐ Meet with a career counselor to have your updated resume critiqued and practice interviewing through a mock interview

YEAR THREE

Network and Experience

- ☐ Meet with a career counselor to find an internship or to reflect on your future career
- ☐ Refine your personal pitch and attend all career-related events to network with potential employers
- ☐ Research graduate schools. Prepare and take necessary graduate school entrance exams (e.g., GRE, MCAT)
- ☐ Find and apply for internship(s) or coops on [Handshake](#). Successfully complete internship(s)/coops to gain experience and refine your career path
- ☐ Google yourself. What do others see on your Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook, etc.? Evaluate and make changes

YEAR FOUR

Launch

- ☐ Develop a job search action plan with your career counselor
- ☐ Network and find positions through [Handshake](#), LinkedIn, and reciprocity with other Jesuit institutions
- ☐ Apply to graduate schools, jobs, and internships with updated and effective resumes and customized cover letters
- ☐ Attend all Career Services' events and networking events; add to your network and seek out opportunities
- ☐ Complete the [First Destination Survey](#) you will receive prior to and after graduation to let SLU know what you are doing

To schedule an appointment, call 314-977-2828 or go to Navigate360 in mySLU Tools
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