

## COLLEGE: CHECKLIST

Welcome to the world of higher education! You worked hard to get to this point. Follow this year-by-year guide to set yourself up for success in the workforce.

### FRESHMAN YEAR

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- Meet with professors and advisors.** Get to know the faculty who will assist in your academic journey.

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  - Create 4-year plan.** To graduate in four years, you typically need to take approximately 15 credit hours each fall and spring semester. Tip: The number of credits in which you are enrolled will directly affect the amount of financial aid received.

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  - Engage with Career Services.** Take personality and career assessments

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  - Get involved in student activities and discover academic resources.**

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  - Fill out your FAFSA for next year.** Fill out as early as October 1 and as late as June 30, but keep in mind that this federal money first come, first served.

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  - Consider summer courses at a local junior college.** Over a span of 4 years, the additional credit hours could add up, saving you time and money.
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### SOPHOMORE YEAR

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- Apply for internship or other learning opportunities.** Complete first internship in field of choice (summer or during the school year) or consider study abroad options.

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  - Start planning your career.** Set up meaningful job shadow and volunteer opportunities.

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  - Continue involvement in student activities.**

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  - Fill out your FAFSA for next year.** Fill out as early as October 1 and as late as June 30, but keep in mind that this federal money first come, first served.
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## JUNIOR YEAR

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- Apply for internship opportunities.** Complete second internship in field of choice (summer or during the school year).

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  - Strengthen leadership skills.** Take on leadership responsibilities in student activities.

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  - Build connections.** Establish relationships with professors and staff who can serve as a reference.

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  - Fill out your FAFSA for next year.** Fill out as early as October 1 and as late as June 30, but keep in mind that this federal money first come, first served.
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## SENIOR YEAR

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- Polish résumé and cover letter.**

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  - Set up mock interviews.**

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  - Attend career fairs.**

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  - Be proactive about post-graduation.** Interview for jobs in field of choice or apply to graduate school.

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  - Develop a plan to repay loans.** Consider options to decrease what you owe through loan forgiveness or debt consolidation.
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