# Four Year Plan

### Freshman Year

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- Join a club or student organization.
- Visit the Office of Career Services and sign up with Jobs4Govs online.
- Think about a part-time job or volunteer experience after the first semester/year.
- Explore What Can I Do With This Major to connect your major to possible career paths via apsu.edu/careers.
- Begin your first resume. The Office of Career Services offers resume examples as well as workshops each semester.
- Use the Office of Career Services workshops and information sessions to explore your interests and values as they relate to possible career paths.
- Get to know your academic advisor and faculty in your department. If you are undeclared, meet some of the faculty who teach your general education classes.
- Begin working on your interview skills. The Office of Career Services has online program called Ready Prep Interview readyprepinterview.com you can use to assist with your growth.

## Sophomore Year

- Have the Office of Career Services review your resume.
- Join professional organizations relevant to your chosen career.
- Practice mock interviews online via InterviewStream available in Job4Govs.
- Begin building a network of colleagues, faculty and prospective employers.
- Seek leadership positions in clubs, organizations or student government.
- Find international jobs, internships, expert advice and visa requirements for work abroad via GoinGlobal available in Job4Govs.
- If you are undecided, think about majors that complement your "general" career goals. Setup an appointment with a career advisor and then follow up with your academic advisor.
- Plan a summer internship or job to gain professional experience.
  Use <u>Internships.com</u> to search for opportunities. Importance of Internships workshops are offered each semester.
- Continue to explore your interests, skills and values by attending information sessions on campus. If you're still undecided, consider taking career assessments to determine your interest, skills, and values.

### Junior Year

- Secure information interviews and job shadowing experiences.
- Seek additional leadership positions in clubs and organizations.
- Develop and nurture mentor relationships with faculty and business leaders.
- Research graduate or professional schools and schedule admissions tests.
- Update your resume and student profile information in the Office of Career Services and Jobs4Govs.
- Establish goals for summer internships that include focusing on specialty areas in your chosen field.
- Use the Office of Career Services online resources to determine specialized areas in your chosen field by utilizing Vault Career Intelligence and the Purposely Career Platform.

# Senior Year

- Take graduate admissions tests.
- Update your resume and be sure it is uploaded in Jobs4Govs.
  Attend Graduate and Professional Schools Fairs and Career Fairs
- Attend Graduate and Professional Schools Fairs and Career Fairs relevant to your interests.
- Visit our website <u>apsu.edu/careers</u> for the On-Campus Recruitment schedule.
- Submit applications for graduate and professional schools in the fall of your fourth year.
- Research company information in the Office of Career Services Resource Page or <u>Glassdoor.com</u>.
- Interview, interview, interview... and tell the Office of Career Services when you accept a position!
- Maintain and strengthen relationships with your advisors, faculty and mentors to establish a corps of references and recommendations.
- Celebrate, because the real work begins now!



