



Junior Year Checklist - Excellence

- Make sure you have declared a major!!!**
 - ✓ Declaring a major is not only helpful to get into upper level classes and graduate on time but some financial money is only given after your major is declared

- Check your Degree Audit on DegreeWorks**
 - ✓ Make sure everything is up to date. You don't want to catch a mistake too late! Visit your school's advising office to correct any errors
 - ✓ Plan to finish up any Gen-eds or school specific requirements that are left.
 - ✓ Know which courses you still have to take for your major

- Research possible internships**
 - ✓ Know what you want to get out of an internship (i.e. experience, credit, money, etc.)
 - ✓ Attend mandatory OCC Information Sessions at the beginning of each semester and CDC information sessions throughout the semester
 - ✓ Make sure your resume is up to date: go to the Fleishman Center for Career and Professional Development (CCPD) for help in revising your resume
 - ✓ Improve your interview skills with CCPD and your presentation skills at the Public Speaking Lab
 - ✓ Consider the time commitment: can you fit it into your semester/summer/winter schedule?

- Seek leadership and involvement on campus**
 - ✓ The responsibility you gain in clubs or organizations is a great way to boost your resume
 - ✓ Establish yourself in a student organization you are dedicated to and interested in. Employers and graduate schools would much rather see a student with meaningful commitment to one or two clubs rather than a student who simply participated in several

- Start approaching different faculty and mentors**
 - ✓ Recommendations are extremely important and you want to make sure these key individuals have your most updated information
 - ✓ Professor office hours are the most underutilized resource on campus

- Start planning for after-college**
 - ✓ Attend CCPD workshops. This can also help in searching for internships and jobs
 - ✓ Utilize the CCPD's alumni network to gain insight into your potential career paths
 - ✓ If you plan to attend graduate school, make sure you have all the prerequisites required and know what program you plan to pursue
 - ✓ If you plan on taking the MCATs, LSATs, or GREs, look into the different options in regard to preparation. Applications for medical and law schools are due your first semester of your senior year. Graduate school applications are often due by December of January.