

Freshman Year

Write down your short and long term goals. Constantly re-evaluate yourself at every milestone throughout the year (such as exams and the end of the semester).

Personal

- Learn to manage adulthood by identifying and adopting your core values and interests.
- Study and develop self-advocacy skills, social skills, and etiquette.
- Get acquainted with your new environment. Being social and making new friends can make this process smoother.
- Develop time management and stress relieving skills.
- Write down your goals and develop an action plan to achieve them.
- Pay attention to your overall well-being (physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual) Change is stressful, but necessary!

Academic

- Identify and become familiar with campus resources (advisor, study groups, professors, tutoring, etc.).
- Develop your academic support network.
- Develop strong academic skills and habits for success (not skipping class, consistent place of study, utilizing professor's office hours...)
- Explore your major and draft a plan B and C in the event your first plan does not work.

Professional

- Explore professional organizations and take advantage of the resources they offer.
- Develop public speaking and interviewing skills
- Get connected to a professional mentor. Finding alums in your field increases your success rate.

Financial

- Financial literacy is key to your success. Create a budget including a savings plan.
- Meet with your Financial Aid Advisor and complete all necessary paper work.
- It is highly recommended that you do not work for your first year in college.
- Research scholarship opportunities (towards end of 1st year).

Sophomore Year

Identify and improve your strengths and weaknesses.

Personal

- Fine tune time-management skills.
- Re-evaluate goals.
- Develop networking skills
- Pay attention to your overall well-being (physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual)

Academic

- Maintain your 4.0 GPA
- Develop a personalized master schedule of your classes to use as a gauge for timely graduation.
- Evaluate your major and decide if it is the right one for you.

Professional

- Take active roles in professional organizations. Attend a professional conference.
- Attend career fairs and corporate events.
- Volunteer to be a mentor.
- Obtain summer employment related to your major or post graduation goal.

Financial

- Don't work unless it is a financial necessity. If you must work, obtain a campus job with academic benefits (e.g., study time is allowed, in you're the department of your major etc.) if possible. Fill out scholarship applications (pay attention to deadlines)
- Revise budget

Junior Year

Complete preparation for post-graduation goals.

Personal

- Re-evaluate goals. Make final decision on immediate post-graduation goal.
- Develop networking skills.

Academic

- Maintain your 4.0 GPA. Consider GPA boosting strategies if necessary.
- Broaden your outside class-room experiences (internships, study-abroad, research opportunities).
- Review your academic status/ goals carefully. Are you on track in meeting requirements for graduation? Obtain a course audit.

Professional

- Grad school applications (if applicable).
- Seek out leadership opportunities.
- Take exams for graduate study if applicable (GRE, LSAT, etc.)
- Hone your presentation skills.

Financial

- Grad school fellowship/scholarship applications.
- Draft a post-graduation budget.
- Review loan information and pay back options.

Senior Year

Obtain post-graduation goals

Personal

- Re-evaluate goals.
- Complete preparation for post-graduation (obtain housing if moving, consider transportation to work, etc.).
- Continue to network.
- Pay attention to your overall well-being (physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual).

Academic

- Stay diligent. Continue maintaining your 4.0 GPA.

Professional

- Obtain info on professional certifications needed.
- Determine your requirements for post-graduation goals.
- What values are you looking for in a company/business?
- Hone interviewing skills.
- Plan your job search.

Financial

- Schedule an exit interview for student loans.
- Revise budget.



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