

THIRD YEAR *Gain experience and build your network*

- Set up a LinkedIn account** and start building your network with classmates, co-workers, friends, family and alumni. → [linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com)
- If you are currently working, ask yourself if the position is related to your career goals** and if not, challenge yourself to seek new opportunities.
- Use Handshake** to search and apply for internships. → my.unl.edu
- Plan and document your internship.** If you are not earning academic credit, enroll in CASC 095: Internship in Arts and Sciences, a free, zero-credit course to include the internship on your transcript.
- Attend career fairs and programs** to gather career information and connect with employers.
- Investigate graduate / professional school programs** and develop a timeline for admission tests and applications.
- Meet with a career coach** to discuss your long-term goals, update your resume, and plan your next steps.
- Confirm your graduation requirements with your advisor** before registering for classes in your last two semesters.

FOURTH YEAR *Make a plan for after graduation*

- Apply for graduation** as soon as you are eligible, and complete the graduation survey about your plans.
- Identify references for jobs or graduate / professional school** among faculty, advisors and employers. Seek their permission and share your plans.
- Begin a professional job search early.** If you are graduating in May, start in the fall. Meet with a career coach to discuss strategies and resources.
- Connect with employers** by attending career fairs and programs and using Handshake to find jobs.
- Apply for graduate or professional programs** well in advance of established deadlines.
- Participate in a mock interview** for employment or graduate school admission with a career coach.

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OPPORTUNITIES

A degree from the College of Arts and Sciences opens up countless career options. Employers are looking for both strong academic preparation and real-world experience. **Connect with academic advisors and career coaches to make your plan for success!**

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LET CURIOSITY MOVE YOU.

We're here to help with just about anything related to your success at Nebraska and beyond. Here are just a few suggestions to help you get started.

EVERY SEMESTER *Connect with faculty, academic advisors and career coaches*

- ❑ **Visit each instructor's office hours at least once.** Introduce yourself and ask a few questions about succeeding in the course. These interactions could lead to a long-term relationship resulting in research opportunities and a reference for future employment or advanced education.
- ❑ **Meet with your academic advisor.** Every College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) student is assigned a professional academic advisor who is committed to your personal, academic and professional success. Your assigned advisor is based on your primary major, but most students have more than just a single major, so additional advisors, as well as faculty experts in those disciplines are always available. Check MyRED for the name and contact information for your academic advisor. See your advisor's calendar and sign up for an appointment in Student Success Hub at my.unl.edu
- ❑ **Review and update your degree plan.** Your academic advisor will help you start your plan using the Degree Planner tool in MyRED. Together you'll make long term and short term plans that allow you to make progress toward your degree while choosing courses that fuel your curiosity.
- ❑ **Connect with the career coaches.** Explore your interests, abilities, and career values. Identify and prepare to apply for internships, research, education abroad, service, and leadership opportunities. Research career options or graduate programs that connect to your academic program and your long-term goals. Develop your resume and practice interview skills. Use Student Success Hub to schedule an appointment.
- ❑ **Use the academic calendar.** Stay on top of deadlines for changing your courses or your grade options. → registrar.unl.edu/academic-calendar
- ❑ **Register early** during Priority Enrollment for the best selection of courses, days and times. Your enrollment date and time depends on your class standing and can be found in MyRED.
- ❑ **Check your @husker.unl.edu email** once a day. This is a primary mode of communication for official University business. Your academic advisor will also share weekly or every other week content about dates and deadlines along with events and opportunities on campus and in your major department.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW WHERE YOU'LL END UP TO GET STARTED

Your CAS degree prepares you for unlimited opportunities after graduation when you pair academic success with real-world experience:

RESEARCH / INTERNSHIPS / EDUCATION ABROAD
SERVICE / LEADERSHIP / AND MORE

Experiential learning is one of the reasons our successful alumni tell us "I could not have predicted that I would be doing what I am doing, when I started college." With that in mind, your academic advisors, career coaches and faculty will help you reflect on your own interests, strengths, and goals. Then, they'll help you take next steps toward the people, resources, and experiences that will influence your career path.

FIRST YEAR *Get settled and identify your resources*

- ❑ **Complete CASC 050: Start Smart in Arts and Sciences** before your first day of classes at UNL. You'll find this quick, online course in CANVAS about a month before classes begin. This is a required course that carries a grade of Pass or No Pass.
- ❑ **Check-in with your academic advisor** early in your first and second semester (September for Fall and February for Spring.) New students in CAS are required to meet with their assigned academic advisor prior to enrolling in next semester's classes.
- ❑ **Learn how to use online tools** like MyRED, Student Success Hub, Degree Planner, Degree Audit and Undergraduate Catalog.
- ❑ **Use academic resources** like the Writing Center, Math Resource Center, Language Lab and more. → cas.unl.edu/academic-resources
- ❑ **Attend workshops** by the Center for Academic Success & Transition on study skills, time management, note- and test-taking strategies and more. → success.unl.edu
- ❑ **Join at least two student organizations** including one related to your academic or career interests. There are nearly 500 to choose from at UNL. → cas.unl.edu/get-involved → involved.unl.edu
- ❑ **Activate your Handshake account**, the university's online job-search system. Part-time jobs on and off campus are listed here, as well as internships and full-time jobs for later. → my.unl.edu
- ❑ **Meet with a career coach** to explore your interests, abilities, and values. Have a conversation about where you want to go, who you want to become, and how you can get there. Learn about ways to gain hands-on experience while at the university. → cas.unl.edu/career-development
- ❑ **If you are Pre-Health or Pre-Law**, visit with an Explore Center advisor to make a plan for pre-requisite courses, involvement and experience, admissions tests, applications and more, 127 Love Library South. → explorecenter.unl.edu

SECOND YEAR *Explore career interests and prepare to gain experience*

- ❑ **Explore available options** for minors or even a second major. Flexibility is one of the best things about being a CAS student! → cas.unl.edu/majors-minors
- ❑ **Use Handshake** to connect with employers for internships and jobs. → my.unl.edu
- ❑ **Participate in an Education Abroad "Huskers Abroad 101 Session"** to learn about programs, processes, planning and the Early Abroad Scholarship. → educationabroad.unl.edu
- ❑ **Identify opportunities to engage in research** within your academic program including the Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE) program. → ucare.unl.edu
- ❑ **Stay involved with student organizations** and seek opportunities to hold a leadership position. → involved.unl.edu
- ❑ **Meet with a career coach** to discuss your career interests and goals and identify ways to gain experience that will best prepare you (internships, research, education abroad, leadership and service) to meet your goals. → cas.unl.edu/career-development
- ❑ **Draft or update your resume** and have it reviewed by a CAS career coach. Continue to develop and customize it for each use and seek feedback from a variety of sources including faculty and employers.
- ❑ **Consider taking CASC 200: Career Development for Arts and Sciences Students** to guide your next steps toward gaining experience and planning for after graduation.