



Career Development Student Timeline

Freshmen

- Get to know your academic and extracurricular interests
- Identify skills, interests, and values
- Become aware of people in roles who are doing work that is interesting to you
- Consider a summer job or volunteer experience in an area that interests you
- Learn about the Hodson Internship program and consider applying each year
- Get involved in campus or community activities
- Attend Career Development events
- Develop the habit of reading Career Development's newsletters, *Horizons & Internship News*
- Follow us on social media @sjcareers on Instagram and Facebook

Sophomores

- Research and network to uncover career possibilities
- Determine your interests and preferences
- Learn about the Pathways Fellowship program and consider applying each year
- Use part-time, summer, or volunteer jobs to build skills and work experience
- Develop a resume if you don't already have one—come by the office for help
- Consider if you will attend graduate school directly after St. John's
- Regularly check your GPA

Juniors

- Prioritize your interests and begin to make a plan regarding your future
- Determine if your goals require graduate or professional school education
- Be aware of which tests you have to take (GRE, LSAT, etc.)
- Research the application procedures for graduate schools you are considering
- Consider applying for a competitive scholarship
- Secure a career-related internship for the summer
- Build experience and skills using part-time jobs or volunteer activities
- Continue to research career options which interest you and identify potential employers
- Visit the Career Development Office to explore your ideas and options

Seniors

- Develop a job search strategy and plan and implement it
- Polish your resume and cover letter
- Consider participating in the Odyssey Program
- Leverage your network! Most jobs are found through networking and connections
- Research employers on the Internet and network with employers, alumni, family, and friends
- Search for jobs on LinkedIn actively and often
- Participate in Career Development events and forums
- Visit the Career Development Office to discuss strategies for transitioning after graduation
- Apply to graduate school and/or jobs
- International students: Meet with the Registrar to apply for post-completion OPT