

Maximize Your Undergraduate Experience



First Year (*below 27 credit hours completed*)

- ☐ Become familiar with Oakland University campus resources
- ☐ Review the catalog and websites of your major to learn about degree requirements
- ☐ In March register for your next Summer, Fall, and Winter classes
- ☐ Meet with your academic adviser to discuss your major and develop an academic plan
- ☐ Introduce yourself to all your professors and visit their office hours
- ☐ Earn 28 credits and have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Use peer tutoring and writing consultants to help you get there
- ☐ If you are unsure about your major, schedule a career counseling appointment with the Advising Resource Center
- ☐ Find one way to get involved on campus -- join a student organization, participate in intramurals or get an on-campus job

Second Year (*between 28-55 credit hours completed*)

- ☐ Meet with your academic adviser to track your progress toward your degree and discuss summer classes.
- ☐ Research experiences that complement your major and career interests, including study abroad, internships, volunteer opportunities and faculty research.
- ☐ Meet with your faculty adviser to discuss careers related to your major and research opportunities
- ☐ Schedule an appointment with Career Services to learn about applying for internships and for help drafting a resume and cover letter
- ☐ Gather information about occupations that interest you. Visit online job sites to examine education and experience needed for your desired careers
- ☐ Take an active role at the university by being a: Student organization officer, Resident Assistant, CMI Peer Mentor, Orientation Group Leader, SI Leader, Tutor or writing consultant, Admissions Ambassador, Career Services Peer Mentor, CSA Leadership Consultant

Third Year (*between 56-90 credit hours completed*)

- ☐ Schedule an appointment with your professional academic adviser to review your academic plan
- ☐ In March register for your next Summer, Fall, and Winter classes
- ☐ Meet with your faculty adviser to discuss graduate school options and tests needed for admission
- ☐ If planning to attend graduate school, study & sign up for admission tests (take test in summer)
- ☐ Keep exploring OU's career cycle
- ☐ Continue to add marketable skills by participating in student organizations, volunteering, and working in areas that match your interests and goals
- ☐ Meet with your academic adviser to start discussions about your degree evaluation.
- ☐ Find a faculty mentor/faculty adviser and discuss: options within your major, involvement in professional organizations in your field, what comes after graduation -- job opportunities and/or further education, recommendation letters for job/graduate school searches
- ☐ Complete an internship and begin researching a second one.
- ☐ Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your chosen field.
- ☐ Consider graduate school: Research potential universities, Take required application tests, Begin collecting application materials, Apply for departmental scholarships and leadership awards specific to your major

Fourth Year (*above 91 credit hours completed*)

- ☐ Apply for graduation: View the posted deadlines, which are often 1-2 semesters before you intend to graduate, Run your degree evaluation, Schedule a meeting with your academic adviser to discuss your degree evaluation
- ☐ Participate in career fairs both on and off campus
- ☐ If planning to attend graduate school, many applications are due in the fall of your senior year
- ☐ Meet with Career Services to learn job search strategies and get help updating your resume
- ☐ Prepare for your job search: Meet with a career consultant to finalize your resume, Professionalize your profile in social media outlets, Participate in mock interviews through Career Services
- ☐ Conduct informational interviews and job shadow with professionals in your chosen field
- ☐ Conduct your job search: post your resume on OU Career Link, attend a career fair, participate in on-campus interviews

Academic Plan

Major: _____

Catalog: _____

FALL

Total ____

WINTER

Total ____

SUMMER

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Notes:

Adviser:

Date:

Suggested next appointment:

Remember: Registration occurs each March for the next academic year & students must apply for graduation at the beginning of their last semester