



UNIVERSITY *of*
MOBILE

THIRD YEAR

**From Freshman Year to Dream Career
Be Known Success Pathway**

ENGAGE AND ELIMINATE: GROW challenges you to consider how God uses struggle and community to help you GROW. During this phase, you may consider partnering with a faculty or staff guide to consider how you have changed and what type of community you need in order to continue to GROW.

ACADEMIC PLANNING

- Continue to consult with your faculty advisor to select courses that are applicable to your career goals and required to fulfill specific degree requirements.
- Begin taking advanced courses in your academic major or specialization.
- Use research assignments, group projects, and field experiences to expand your knowledge and professional skills.
- Select elective courses that will broaden your general knowledge and strengthen your qualifications.
- Obtain at least three strong references from your professors and/or supervisors who know your work and/or scholarly abilities.
- Maintain excellence in your academic work.
- Talk to professors about graduate school options and requirements.
- Consider a semester abroad.
- Visit alumni and professionals in your chosen field for a “shadowing” day or an informational interview.
- Complete 90-96 credit hours by the end of the third year.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Pursue leadership positions in clubs/organizations.
- Consider applying for Student Life positions.
- Explore community service activities that may complement your field of study.

CAREER AND LIFE DEVELOPMENT

- Continue testing, evaluating, and confirming your occupational decisions.
- Become familiar with the Office of Career Services website and Handshake and attend resume, interview, job search, networking, and portfolio workshops.
- Make an appointment with your faculty advisor to tailor your internship search and apply for internships.

- If you are considering graduate school, consult your faculty advisor to discuss the feasibility of your admission.
- Research institutions that offer programs of interest and request application materials.
- Take appropriate entrance exams (e.g. GRE, LSAT, GMAT, MCAT) and submit your applications and required documents by the published deadlines.
- Write a draft of your career summary and goals, and elevator speech, complete your LinkedIn profile, and have them critiqued by a Career Coach. And request letters of recommendation for your UM portfolio.
- Build your professional wardrobe.
- Continue to attend Job Fairs/Expos offered at UM and throughout the city.
- Create or expand your professional network with UM alumni, professional association memberships, family members, friends, advisors, and professors.
- Continue to interview until you receive/accept a job offer.
- Ask a professor in your field how they see you in the field five years from now.
- Visit all the graduate schools you can during the school year.

FINAL SUMMER

This is the most important summer of your life; don't fool around! It's critical to find an internship or summer job in an industry or field that you would potentially like to pursue after graduation. Ask for letters of recommendation before leaving at the end of the summer.

- Continue to talk about your career goals with everyone you meet; continue to visit professionals in their workplaces whenever you can.
- Try to go to an academic conference in your field; continue to visit graduate schools.
- If you're headed to graduate school, consider going to summer school at one of your targeted institutions.



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