Resources for Juniors

You’re halfway done! This is where your education becomes what you have dreamed of. You are now taking classes that interest you, you know the routine, and life may feel a little smoother. Since there are about 2 years left of your undergraduate college experience, it’s time to make the most of the opportunities and connections that LSUS offers you.

Checklist for Academic Success:

- Keep studying. Just because you are in your area of interest doesn’t mean knowledge comes without effort. Many times you are still learning theories as opposed to applying the skills you have learned in other classes.
- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss the core courses need to ensure you are on the right track to graduate and discuss options for minors and other relevant courses. Continue to establish relationships with faculty/staff mentors and pursue additional connections with new mentors.
- Review the requirements and deadlines for graduation. Start early to ensure that you are ready to graduate.
- Look at requirements and timelines for graduate or professional school, if applicable, and take admission prep courses and tests. Take the practice tests available on campus. Review for MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, or GRE, if appropriate.
- Talk with faculty regarding letters of recommendation for graduate/professional school, if applicable.
- Check out study abroad programs. They can give you great experience and lasting memories.
- Choose electives that are consistent with your goals. Keep in mind where you want to go with your degree, career, and life.

Career Considerations:

- Get experience through part-time employment, internships, or volunteering. For more guidance, check out the LSUS Career Pilot website.
- Meet with your advisor to talk about your career goals, or perhaps continuing your education through graduate school.
- Secure a summer job or internship in your major/career field.
- Join a professional organization and consider attending or presenting at a conference related to your academic major.
- Attend all career fairs and continue to build your network contacts.
- Update your resume each semester.
- Participate in practice interviews with professionals.
- Continue to solidify relationship with career services professionals.
- Continue building your career portfolio.
- Create a LinkedIn professional profile.
- Job shadow an alumni or someone in a career field of interest to you.
Campus & Community Involvement:

- Take advantage of an opportunity to lead a student organization. This can give you great experience that can easily be transferable to the career of your dreams.
- Pursue leadership opportunities in your student organizations and consider ways to strengthen your leadership skills.
- Do something new at LSUS. Connect with others who have different interests or backgrounds.
- Run for an office with the Student Government Association.
- Attend lectures around campus in order to make connections, network, and meet other peers in your career field.