

CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: THE JACKSON BLUEPRINT

1st Year Undergrads: Get to Know Yourself & Your Options

	ACTION	TIMELINE
Step 1	Create a new profile on husky jobs and LinkedIn. The sooner you start, the more you can get out of it!	December-February
Step 2	<p>Start identifying the majors and career paths that interest you - if you're already passionate about the idea of a specific job or major, start thinking about how one will influence the other. What classes should you take to develop real experience and skills? Which professors have the best connections? What majors consistently get the best jobs in your field?</p> <p>Remember, this is not something you have to do alone! If you're not sure, go online and use our resources, talk to friends, parents, and of course...talk to us! We're here every week for you, with or without an appointment.</p>	February-April
Step 3	Turn your high school level resume into a college level resume. request our resume template to start building your materials fast. check LinkedIn to see how other Jackson School students and alumni have build their, and start getting ideas for how to express your skills and abilities professionally. Attend a UW career center workshop to get the basics down	February-April
Step 4	Narrow down your top 3 majors and career paths of interest. Learn more by reviewing our "careers in International Studies" guide. Talk to other students/ alumni, or sit down to chat with your favorite professor.	March - May
Step 5	Start thinking about summer jobs and internships. Build your resume by working in a relevant area. If the right thing isn't out there, consider community leadership or volunteer work.	March - May
Step 6	Win your first internship - these count as professional experience in the eyes of employers, and are often easier to get than a job. It's never too early to start thinking about this, and internships are the best first step to add something meaningful to the "experience" section of your resume.	June - July

