

Junior Year



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Your Junior year is the time to prepare yourself for your career of interest. Your classes directly pertain to your major and you are expanding on knowledge in a specific field. Internships are key and are going to provide you with the experience necessary to obtain entry level positions in a field of your choice.

- It's about that time! If you have not chosen a major, head to the career center for some comprehensive career counseling, or visit your academic advisor.
- If you have not chosen a minor or concentration and would like to do so, think about future careers and areas of interest to you. Visit a Career Center staff member or your academic advisor for assistance.
- If you are looking for an extra credit to take, CE 131 is for Juniors and Seniors and discusses the world of work from an upperclassman perspective.
- Getting a part-time job on or off campus that relates to your career field will help you develop essential skills. If you have not done so, find a job that you will want to keep for the remainder of your college career. Holding a position for two years with increasing responsibilities each year demonstrates commitment, stability and responsibility to future employers.
- It is recommended that you complete at least one internship in your field of interest in either the fall or spring semester, or over the summer between your junior and senior year. Make an appointment at the Career Center for an overview on Career Connection, a resume review and other job search techniques.
- You should have joined at least one club or organization in your first few years, if you haven't done so, do it now! Involvement demonstrates to employers that you have well-developed social skills, multi-task and work collaboratively and cooperatively. Another way to get involved is to take the lead on class projects.
- If you are involved in several organizations, take on a leadership role. Run for office and develop strong relationships with the sponsor, faculty and staff supporting the organization. (This will be helpful when it comes time for recommendations!)
- Continue to connect assignments, papers, speeches, and projects to your field of interest. It's a great way to explore areas and developing expertise in a field while completing your assignments at the same time!
- Attend the Career Fair and distribute your resume. Visit all the tables of interest to you and ask questions. Knowing more about different industries, companies, and job opportunities will help you make a better career choice
- Seek people in your field of interest who would act as mentors and advisors or check out the Carroll Contacts through JCU Career Center's Career Connection.
- If you are considering graduate school, research the schools that specialize in your areas of interest now. Ask your professors for suggestions and visit the websites of these colleges and universities to learn their requirements for entrance into master's and doctoral degree programs. Get samples of the entrance exams and start studying well in advance. (Be aware of application deadlines!)