

## START WELL

## STAY ON COURSE

## FINISH STRONG

## WHAT'S NEXT?



### Learn

- Get to know your advisor in your department and discuss your [sample schedule](#) with them
- Learn how to use the degree audit program [DegreeWorks](#)
- Attend every class and prepare for exams in advance
- Put phones and electronics away
- Take advantage of WU's free [Tutoring and Writing Center](#)
- Get to know your instructors

- Diligently follow the degree plan developed in consultation with your advisor, making adjustments where necessary
- Focus your biology electives towards your specific areas of interest or career goals
- Monitor your progress with [DegreeWorks](#)
- Keep up with assignments and continue preparing in advance for exams
- Learn from feedback on assignments and exams
- Start determining elective courses that will be beneficial to your career, make sure you have the prerequisites.

- In the first two weeks of your last semester, apply for graduation
- Ensure that your degree audit is 100%

The program prepares you for positions and graduate or professional school in diverse areas such as:

**Graduate school** (MS or PhD programs)

**Professional Schools:** MD, DO, PA, Nursing School, Medical, Laboratory Science, DDS, DMD, PT, Optometry, Veterinary Medicine, Law School, Business Administration, Masters of Public Health

**Education Careers:** primary and secondary (with licensure requirements), adjunct lecturer (with sufficient graduate hours)

**Entry Level:** Research lab tech, State/Government Testing labs, industry jobs, wildlife services, extension offices, AmeriCorps, Peace Corp

Other: Sales, marketing, technical writing

## LEARN MORE:



### Experience

- Go to different club meetings to see what options are available (AMSA, Bio Club, EcoBods, Chem Club)
- Attend the campus job fair

- Start looking at what areas interest you, attend workshops at professional or graduate schools, volunteer.
- Become a tutor or an SI
- Conduct research with WU faculty and present your work at local or regional meetings.
- Participate in a [Washburn Transformational Experience](#) (WTE) project
- Take a leadership role in one of the biology clubs

- Present your research at [Apeiron](#)
- Present your research at a regional or national conference
- Explore options for an internship or REU



### Engage

- Attend [Apeiron](#) presentations
- Volunteer for activities on and off campus
- Explore [Study Abroad](#) options
- Ask Biology Faculty about their classes and research opportunities

- Select program time frame for international studies or investigate REU options
- Go on REU, international experience, or internship
- Create a LinkedIn profile to establish and maintain career-building connections

- Continue networking with professionals in your field
- Attend a national or international meeting and engage with others in your discipline
- Contact potential graduate advisors



### Launch

- Discuss career goals with your advisor
- Research the job market
- Visit the [Career Engagement Office](#) for help with your resume and/or internship opportunities
- Consider if your desired career requires further education and discuss it with your advisor

- Create a CV
- Determine deadlines for Graduate school or professional school applications
- Start thinking about who you will ask for letters of recommendation
- Connect with representatives from different professional or graduate schools that visit WU. Contact schools of interest to determine any remaining requirements
- If your desired career requires further education, prepare to take any required tests and work with your advisor to ensure you are on track

- Update your CV and other application materials to apply for jobs, graduate school or professional school
- Apply and get ready for your next step