

START WELL

STAY ON COURSE

FINISH STRONG



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
- Monitor your progress with [DegreeWorks](#)
- Pay attention to the classes and hands-on laboratory experiences that you most enjoy to help you decide on future research projects and/or internships
- Keep up with assignments and continue preparing in advance for exams
- Learn from feedback on assignments and exams

- In the first two weeks of your last semester, apply for graduation
- Ensure that your degree audit is 100%
- Choose electives that will support your career aspirations and help you develop skills for your field of interest



Experience

- Join the Biology Club, AMSA and/or the Ecobods
- Attend the campus job fair

- Become a tutor or an SI for a first-year biology course or consider getting lab experience by working with our lab supervisor. Conduct research with WU faculty and present your work at local or regional meetings
- Participate in a [Washburn Transformational Experience \(WTE\)](#) project
- Meet with the biology faculty to discuss and identify suitable research projects. Take at least one credit of research during your junior year

- Take a leadership role in one of the biology clubs
- Explore options of an internship or REU during the summer
- Become a [KINBRE](#) summer or full-semester scholar
- Discuss with your advisor opportunities for internships (BI 440), so you can apply your skills



Engage

- Attend [Apeiron](#) presentations
- Volunteer for activities on and off campus. For example, Women in Science Day volunteering, visiting area high schools, participating in Biology Day at Washburn etc.
- Explore [Study Abroad](#) options

- Become a member of ASCB, ASM, ASPB or other professional biology society
- Attend local and regional meetings like Apeiron and KINBRE
- Engage with faculty who can serve as references and points of contact
- Create a LinkedIn profile to establish and maintain career-building connections
- Connect with a study abroad coordinator. Consider applying for a Study Abroad

- Continue networking with professionals in your field
- If you are considering a medical profession, volunteer at Stormont-Vail through the College Volunteer program. For graduate school, volunteering at a research or medical lab can be valuable



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
- Attend information sessions hosted on campus, e.g. graduate or medical school counselor visits

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

WHAT'S NEXT?

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

Graduate School:

Agricultural Sciences
Biomedical Engineering
Biochemistry
Biotechnology
Cell Biology
Epidemiology
Genetics
Molecular Biology

Professional School:

Medicine (MD/ DO)
Dentistry (DDS/ DMD)
Optometry (DO)
Pharmacy (PharmD)
Physical Therapy (DPT)
Occupational Therapy (OT)
Veterinary Medicine
Law

Business Administration
Public Health (MPH)

Entry Level Positions:

Pharmaceutical Industry
Biotech Companies
Health Departments
Public Health

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