

START WELL

STAY ON COURSE

FINISH STRONG

WHAT'S NEXT?



Learn

- Meet with your major advisor
- See [sample schedule](#) for your degree: take CN 101 and CN 150
- Ask about the WU Law Early Admissions Program (LEAP) or another 2+2 program
- Take WU 101 seriously
- Practice the study strategies & time management skills from [The Learning Scientists](#)
- Do not be afraid to ask for help

- Take CN 302 the fall of your second or third year
- Take CN 303/304/305 in the spring after you complete CN 302
- Consult with your advisor on how to tailor your CN pathway through electives
- Check your degree progress with [DegreeWorks](#)
- Talk to your advisor about picking a certificate program, an interdisciplinary minor or another minor that compliments your Communication major

- Understand graduation requirements
- Complete CN 491: Internship or CN 498: Capstone Research Project

The program prepares you for positions in diverse areas such as:

- Academic Advisor
 - Social Media Specialist
 - Community Relations Director
 - Event Planner
 - Fundraising Executive
 - Press Secretary
 - Human Resources Specialist
 - Human Rights Officer
 - Lawyer
 - Legislative Assistant
 - Account Manager (marketing)
 - Corporate Trainer
 - Non-profit Organization Director
 - Politician
 - Publications Editor
 - Recreational Director
 - Script Writer
 - Sports Announcer
- *Some careers require additional education or training



Experience

- Join a club on campus
- Attend the [campus job fair](#)
- Consider an on-campus job to acquire transferable skills

- Consider applying to be a First Year Experience (FYE) Peer Educator or a Summer Orientation Counselor (SOC)
- Look into Lambda Pi Eta honor society for Communication majors
- Speak with a professor about project, volunteer, or research opportunities
- Look into the [Washburn Transformational Experience](#) (WTE)

- Complete research or a Washburn Transformational Experience project and apply to present at a conference
- Think about career references and letters of recommendation.



Engage

- Volunteer on campus
- Join student organizations in areas of interest
- Attend [Apeiron](#) presentations
- Develop professional references

- Consider a [Study Abroad](#) opportunity
- Talk to the [Aleshire Center](#) office and explore community service options

- Attend a communication conference
- Present a poster/paper at [Apeiron](#)
- Contact alumni or network at events with people working in careers of interest
- Join professional organizations like the [WU alumni association](#)



Launch

- Discuss career goals with your advisor
- Visit the [Career Engagement Office](#) (CEO) for help with your resume or internship
- Sign up for Handshake
- Explore the field by going to the [National Communication Association](#) (NCA) website

- Build your resume
- Create LinkedIn/Indeed account
- Research internship opportunities
- Start connecting with employers through the [Career & Internship Expo](#) hosted by the Career Engagement Office
- Begin studying for necessary graduate school exams (if applicable)

- Polish your resume
- Utilize the [Career Engagement Office](#) to search for jobs
- Apply to graduate schools or employment

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