

## START WELL

## STAY ON COURSE

## FINISH STRONG



### Learn

- Meet with your major advisor. If pre-law, meet with pre-law advisor
- See sample schedule for: [Political Science](#) or [Public Administration](#)
- Take WU 101 seriously
- Attend every class
- Put phones/electronics away
- Take advantage of WU's [Tutoring and Writing Center](#)
- Do not be afraid to ask for help
- Get to know your instructors

- Meet with your advisor to ensure progress on your degree
- Check your degree progress with [DegreeWorks](#)
- Keep up with assignments
- Learn from feedback
- Prepare in advance for exams
- Consider adding a certificate or a minor; discuss with advisor

- Understand graduation requirements
- Do a research project with faculty
- Mentor a fellow major
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### Experience

- Discuss with department internship advisor timing and logistics of doing a PO internship
- Volunteer and/or intern with a political campaign in summer or fall if election year

- Participate in the PO Department's legislative internship program (apply in Fall term for spring internship)
- Inquire about City of Topeka Public Administration Fellowship
- Volunteer on or off campus
- Join student organizations in areas of interest
- Complete internship #1

- Complete an internship or second internship
- Complete a [Washburn Transformational Experience](#) project (WTE)
- Think about career references and letters of recommendation



### Engage

- Join clubs such as Young Republicans/Young Democrats, Prelaw Club, Model UN Club, etc. Consider forming your own interest-based club
- Attend PO Department events
- Consider running for office in the [WSGA](#)
- Attend [Apeiron](#) presentations

- Attend campus-wide guest talks
- Talk to your advisor and research the [Study Abroad](#) website about upcoming study abroad programs
- PO Study Abroad program # 1. Options include Japan, European Capitals, and Cuba
- Explore a WTE associated with study abroad program
- Consider Model UN Club
- Stay physically active to sustain rigorous learning
- Engage with faculty; they can serve as your references

- Complete PO Study Abroad program # 2
- Consider/undertake Scholarly/Creative WTE
- Model UN Club
- Present a poster/paper at [Apeiron](#)



### Launch

- Discuss career goals with your advisor
- Visit the [Career Engagement Office](#) for help with resumes/internships
- Sign up for [Handshake](#)
- Explore jobs in political science/public administration
- Research entrance requirements for graduate and/or law school

- Meet with your advisor about post-grad options. Think about where you imagine yourself in ten years
- Do a mock interview with the [Career Engagement Office](#)
- Create LinkedIn/Indeed account
- Start connecting with employers through the [Career & Internship Expo](#) hosted by the Career Engagement Office
- Consider "gap year" involving teaching abroad in Japan, South Korea or China
- Visit potential grad schools

- Polish your resume
- Utilize the [Career Engagement Office](#) to search for jobs
- Apply for teaching abroad programs in Japan, South Korea, and/or China
- Apply for jobs, post-grad internships, and/or graduate school/law school

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Local, state, or national government

Offices of state and national elected office holders

Law School

Non-governmental or non-profit organization

Social Science graduate school program (Urban Planning, public administration, communications, criminal justice, public policy, higher education student life, and others)

Government and/or social studies teaching at high school level

Media (TV, radio, newspaper, online)

Military with focus on civil affairs, law, or intelligence

State Department or international organizations

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