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**Additional Info**

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**MILESTONES**

**ADVICE & SUPPORT**

**APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**

**GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

**CAREERS**

- Corrections
- Probation
- Parole
- Juvenile justice
- Program development
- Outreach
- Mentoring
- Victim’s assistance
- Counseling
- Casework
- Prevention services
- Advocacy
- Supervision
- Assessment
- Reporting
- Grant writing
- Consulting
- Administration
- Patrolling
- Investigating
- Probation
- Parole
- Court security
- Surveillance
- Loss prevention
- Forensics

**First Year**

- Complete major foundation courses, such as CRJ 2313 and CRJ 2328.
- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- I have a plan for after graduation. If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio project: CRJ 4375 or CRJ 4399 (choose one).
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full-time employment.

**Second Year**

- Want to explore different careers? Check out Kuder Journey!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event going to Spain.
- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

**Third Year**

- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as Alpha Phi Sigma.
- Consider serving a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the National Scholarships & Learning Office.
- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.

**Fourth Year**

- Complete 30 credit hours.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.
- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as Alpha Phi Sigma.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the National Scholarships & Learning Office.

**International**

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a GPA of 3.5.
- Take MATH 1324 or MATH 1342 in your first year.
- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence—Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out the Kuder Journey.
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.
- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit the National Scholarships & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.
- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a local event such as a walk/run to increase awareness of domestic violence.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into the American Criminal Justice Association or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Career Connection icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Get summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on the Career Center portal!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger—locate and attend one student workshop.
- Update your resume in Career Connection and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend history, political science, psychology, or sociology.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.
- Check out the Criminal Justice Department website for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks’ advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!
- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an apprenticeship offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov