

# How can I get experience in my major?

## JUNIOR Year

Gaining Experience: Relate interests, skills, and values to possible career choices and gain experience through work experiences, internships, campus activities, and volunteering.

### Academics & Advising

- If you have not already done so, it is vital to declare your major(s) by completing the Undergraduate Degree Plan Declaration form. The form must be signed by your advisor and dean in each major. Get busy!
- Continue to meet with your advisor(s) to talk about your majors, career and internship options, and the progress you are making toward graduation.
- Be confident that you can succeed in your classes this year!
- Check your number of upper-level hours (courses numbered 3000 and above). All HBU undergraduate degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-level credit.
- Review and update the "4-Year Map."
- Complete your FAFSA early in the spring if you need federal financial aid.

### Campus & Volunteer Activities

- Continue your involvement with professional or student organizations; if you are not involved get involved!
- Take leadership positions in clubs and organizations to gain experience and remember to add it to your resume.
- Explore study abroad programs.
- Keep up with your CLW events. Check Husky Net to see your CLW record.

### Career

- Continue to add to your resume with work, leadership and volunteer experience, internships, and professional associations.
- Have your resume critiqued by your advisor or Career Services.
- Attend career workshops, fairs, seminars, presentations, and networking events.
- Internships, internships, internships – do as many as you possibly can to explore career choices, gain experience, and establish contacts.
- Begin considering your options after graduation.
- Schedule a mock interview through Career Services in order to practice your interviewing skills – it takes practice to be successful.
- Join professional student organizations in each of your majors - these offer great networking opportunities and a chance to build leadership skills.
- Consider enrolling in BUSA3330, Career Development Strategies, which is open to all HBU students, during the fall or spring to learn more about how to market yourself in the career search process.
- Begin to establish your personal network by connecting with professionals in your field of interest using your personal contacts, contacts through the Alumni Office, and others you meet at events.
- Begin the job search process at least one year prior to graduation by building your network—you can never start too early to plan your career! It can take 4-6 months to get the right offer for you.
- If you are interested in graduate school, start researching schools to find out about different programs, the admission requirements, and how to apply. Be aware that applications for medical and dental schools are customarily submitted during the summer following the junior year.