

# GRADUATION CHECKLIST

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Review DegreeWorks closely. Pay attention to credit counters in degree section
- Upper division credit requirement
- Minimum number of credits
- Paperwork for course substitutions
- Any unchecked requirements

## CAREER

- What are your career goals? Career Cruising. What Can I Do With This Major?
- Review job postings. Indeed.com
- Timeline for applying for job – at least two months before graduating. Training programs will recruit in the fall.
- Internships
- Strategically using electives
- [Ameri Corps](#)  [Peace Corps](#)
- [Teach for America](#)
- Fellowships/Scholarships
  - Udall
    - [The Udall Foundation](#) awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or the environment.
  - Fulbright
    - Research or Teach Abroad
  - Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes
    - Covers all cost to study critical languages abroad in the summer

## GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT

- [Apply](#) for graduation
  - Graduation application fee \$50
  - Summer deadline July 1
  - Fall deadline October 1
  - Spring deadline February 1
- Commencement in May
  - Order cap, gown and tassel

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- What are your privacy settings?
- Consider joining and using LinkedIn

## GRAD/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

- What is your reason for attending graduate school?

- Are entrance exams required? LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, GRE
- Letters of recommendation
- Plan backwards for application timeline
- What, if any, prerequisite requirements are there? When do they have to be completed?
- How will you pay for graduate school?

## MONEY

- Most student loans require repayment starting six months after graduation
  - The National Student Loan Data System has federal loan information [www.nslds.ed.gov](http://www.nslds.ed.gov)
  - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – best options to pay down your debt.
  - Public service student debt forgiveness
  - NerdWallet's student loan calculator
  - Talk to the Financial Aid Office
- Cost of Living Calculator
- Learn how and what to negotiate with a job offer

## PEOPLE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> References | <input type="checkbox"/> Family  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentors    | <input type="checkbox"/> Network |

## ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Career Services
  - Informational interviews
  - Mock interviews
  - Resumes
  - Cover letters
  - Federal job applications
  - State job applications
  - Assessments
- Financial Aid
  - Can assist with any issues with loans
- Academic Advisors
  - May provide assistance with grad application requirements
  - Double checking degree completion
  - Helping you map out your degree completion
- Faculty
  - References
  - Graduate school
  - Internships
  - Strategically using electives