GRADUATION CHECKLIST

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

☐ Review DegreeWorks closely. Pay attention to credit counters in degree section
☐ Upper division credit requirement
☐ Residency requirement for university and major (BLA)
☐ 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 jobs– 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
    ☐ Sophomore or junior at time of application. Gives up to $7,000 for all students in environmental fields and for Native American & Alaskan Native students in health care, tribal government, and public policy affecting Native American communities
  ☐ 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 why for 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 done?
- How will you pay for graduate school?

MONEY

- Most student loans require repayment starting six months after graduation
  - The National Student Load Data System has information about all your federal loans. 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

- References
- Mentors
- Family
- 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