Leadership & Entrepreneurship

Here’s a great example of how a student in this career community might use their time both in and out of the classroom in order to prepare for a successful future. Use this as a guide as you plan your own Fulbright College experience - make the most of your time here!

Freshman Year:
1. Explore Leadership & Entrepreneurship career community online, with faculty, and with people in your network.
2. Use the Fulbright College Compass, in routine consultation with your Fulbright Futures Advisor in the Fulbright Freshman Advising Center or Honors Advising, to fully research the career communities, majors and minors that interest you.
3. Enjoy University Core classes that will help you develop a basic competency in active learning, social perceptiveness, written comprehension and expression, and problem solving skills.
4. Attend meetings for student organizations related to your areas of academic, personal, and career interest.
5. Declare the combination of career community, major(s) and minors that fits your goals by the end of your freshman year.

Sophomore Year:
1. In routine consultation with your College Advisor in the Fulbright College Advising Center, use the Fulbright Futures Passport to design your ideal future resume and create a semester-by-semester plan to get there.
2. Introduce yourself to a faculty mentor within your major to begin discussing the most exciting things about the discipline and how you can make the most of your major.
3. Engage in foundational classes specific to your chosen major(s) and minor(s) and use these classes to enhance the skills most important to your career community.
4. Research occupations, employers and job postings within leadership, management and start-ups. If interested in graduate school, begin to narrow down your list of potential graduate or professional programs.
5. Visit with a career counselor or graduate school mentor familiar with Leadership & Entrepreneurship.
6. Connect with professionals working in Leadership & Entrepreneurship on social media sites (e.g. LinkedIn), and in campus or community professional associations to conduct informational interviews.
7. Explore options for student leadership, study abroad, undergraduate research, volunteer opportunities, and service learning that might fit your interest areas and major(s).
8. Officially join student organizations and identify leadership opportunities.
9. Explore a career fair or graduate school fair specific to your career community.

Junior Year:
1. Maintain routine consultation with your College Advisor to make sure you continue to follow the plan in your Passport and to adjust when needed.
2. Continue to meet regularly with your faculty mentor to discuss the many opportunities related to your major, from upper-level coursework to internships, to research, to graduate schools.
3. Engage in advanced coursework within your major(s) and minor(s), fine-tuning those skills that are essential to your career community and personal goals.
4. Choose elective coursework that compliments your goals.
5. Meet often with a career counselor or graduate school mentor specific to your career community.
6. Consider leadership positions within the student organizations of which you are a member.
7. Take advantage of as many experiential learning opportunities related to your career community as you can, including internships, study abroad, service learning, volunteering, observation, part-time jobs, etc.
8. Attend a career fair specific to your career community to discuss the field with professionals or a graduate school fair to discuss admission criteria.
9. Focus on perfecting application skills for jobs or graduate school by utilizing mock interviews, resume reviews, letters of recommendation/references, personal statement or writing sample reviews and the application process itself.

Senior Year:
1. Apply for graduation in consultation with your College Advisor.
2. Apply for employment opportunities or graduate schools posted within your career community with the support of your career counselor or graduate school mentor.
3. Meet often with your faculty mentor for general guidance during this crucial time.
4. Attend a career fair or graduate school fair specific to your career community to interact with employers or graduate schools to which you are applying.
5. Become a mentor to sophomores and juniors within your career community.

Graduation:
1. Attend the Fulbright Futures Launch Party as an honored guest to celebrate your acceptance of an employment or graduate school offer in your field.
2. Participate in the Fulbright College Commencement Ceremony as you transition to a new phase and become a leader within our Fulbright Family!

Alumni:
1. As you progress in your career, stay connected to your Fulbright Family through your career community.
2. Consider being a mentor to Fulbright College students or speaking at an event related to your career community.
3. Never stop learning, developing and influencing the world in the spirit of Senator J. William Fulbright!