



If you have followed all the career planning steps leading up to your senior year, then it is time to land a great job or pursue your dreams for graduate/professional school! For late starters, there is still time to gain work and volunteer experience, network with employers, and perfect your interviewing and resume writing skills. You are now ready to apply all you've learned during your time as a Ragin' Cajun, and take the world by storm!

## Academics

- Confirm your remaining degree requirements at the beginning of the year so there are no "surprises" when it comes time to graduate.
- Continue to follow Graduate/Professional School timeline and complete applications.
- Complete required exams for Graduate/Professional School.
- Apply for graduation. Visit your department for application and deadline information.

## Extracurricular

- Seek leadership responsibilities in extracurricular activities. If possible, attend conferences, national meetings, and conventions as a representative of your club or chapter.
- Consider participating in the UL Lafayette Study Abroad Program, <http://studyabroad.louisiana.edu>.
- Project financial needs and set a realistic budget.
- Talk about your first year after graduation; your ideal work, lifestyle, proximity to friends and family, values and longer-term goals.
- After graduation, join the UL Lafayette Alumni Association and remain involved with the university.

## Career

- Meet with a Career Services professional to develop your job search plan.
- Finalize resume, cover letter and thank you letters – targeting appropriate job goal or finalize c.v. for graduate school. Visit Career Services for assistance.
- Register to participate in on campus interviews via Career Services Online.
- Update profile in Career Services Online and utilize free job listings and job search agents, <http://careerservices.louisiana.edu>.
- Attend Career Fairs, career workshops and employer information sessions.
- Network, Network, Network. Use your contacts to identify job opportunities and get referrals.
- Identify professional who are willing to serve as references and write letters of recommendation.
- Schedule a Mock Interview with Career Services if you have not done so already.
- Research potential employers so you can interview competently and make an informed decision.

## Action Steps

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