

UNDERGRADUATE PLANNING TIMELINE

for SIS Undergraduate Students

FIRST YEAR: TRANSITION AND EXPLORATION

Academic

- Have a basic understanding of your [BA in International Studies](#)
- Start building relationships with SIS faculty members by going to their office hours
- Attend SIS Student Series events in September and Thematic Area Fair in October and/or February
- Meet with your [SIS Peer Advisor](#) in the spring (or fall of your second year) to create a 4-year plan

Career

- Introduce yourself to a Career Advisor by making an appointment or at drop-in advising in the SIS Atrium
- Participate in [community service and volunteering](#)
- Attend [campus networking events](#)
- Consider taking a [self-assessment](#) at the AU Career Center to assess your personal and career goals
- Speak with your career advisor about the [Critical Language Scholarship](#) (if interested)

Leadership

- Join a [student organization](#)

SECOND YEAR: CHART YOUR ACADEMIC AND CAREER PATHS

Academic

- Meet with your [academic advisor](#) and discuss your [Thematic Areas](#) declaration process
- Attend the Thematic Area Fair in October and/or February
- Declare your Thematic Area during Thematic Area Declaration Week in April
- Start thinking about [study abroad](#) options for your third year

Career

- Continue to build relationships with your professors during office hours
- Meet with an [undergraduate career advisor](#) or attend an [AU Career Center](#) workshop to discuss your resume, cover letter, and internship resources
- Consider an [AU Abroad](#) program that has an internship component
- Attend the fall and spring [Job and Internship Fairs](#)
- Consider doing a mock interview with your SIS undergraduate [career advisor](#)
- Create and maintain a LinkedIn profile and have it reviewed by your career advisor
- Craft your “Elevator Pitch”

Leadership

- Consider taking on a leadership role in a [student organization](#)
- Find opportunities to work on presentation skills

THIRD YEAR: GLOBAL ADVENTURES AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Academic

- Meet with your [advisor](#) to make sure your study abroad program lines up with your academic plan
- If you are not studying abroad, work on your [regional course requirements](#)
- Connect your Thematic areas of interest to your career goals

Career

- Consider doing an [internship](#) while abroad
- Familiarize yourself with [Handshake](#) to register for career events and search for jobs and internships
- Identify and join professional associations that are related to your career interest
- Participate in the on-campus [Job and Internship Fair](#)
- Consider job shadowing and/or volunteer and community service opportunities
- Attend networking events for your professional development

Leadership

- Apply for peer mentoring/peer educator/peer advising programs on campus
- Expand your leadership role in an organization

FOURTH YEAR: GRADUATION AND POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Academic

- Meet with your academic advisor to complete a senior checkout to ensure that you are ready to graduate
- Review your Degree Audit Report and check that all graduation requirements have been met
- Apply to graduate on Eagle Service by the published deadline

Career

- Meet with an [undergraduate career advisor](#) to develop an independent job search and update your resume, or to discuss graduate school applications and personal statements
- Schedule a mock interview with your career advisor
- Attend all career-related workshops, information sessions, and panels hosted by the [SIS Office of Career Development](#)
- Expand your network and interview with professionals in the industries, locations, and companies that interest you by attending Job and Internship Fair
- Search Handshake to find job opportunities

Leadership

- Reassess intercultural development experiences and how they relate to your goals