

THESIS SUCCESS PLAN

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FIRST YEAR: EXPLORE

CONNECT

- Meet with Honors advisors-Fall
- Meet with your academic advisor-Fall
- Introduce yourself to all of your professors-Fall and Spring
- Meet with individuals in areas that interest you to chat about their research
- Meet with your peer mentor-Fall
- Visit the Hive: 017 UHN

EXPLORE

- Attend the majors fair-Fall
- Visit the career center for a personality/career interests quiz
- Meet with Librarian Pat Mardeusz and discuss resources available
- Attend Student Research Conference-Spring
- Explore Interests: Internships, Shadowing, and volunteer opportunities -Spring

PLAN

- Create Four year class outline-Fall
- Research potential summer job and internship opportunities-spring
- Begin to work on Four-Year Plan from The Career Center
go.uvm.edu/careersuccess

Reflection, Resources and Action: Consider the suggestions above, then craft goals based on what you are learning about yourself and your intellectual interests.

GOALS FOR MY FIRST YEAR:

CONNECT:

EXPLORE:

PLAN:

START PLANNING AHEAD:

1

WINTER/SPRING BREAKS:

2

SUMMER:

3

NEXT YEAR:



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SECOND YEAR: ENGAGE

CONNECT

- Meet with: (Fall Semester)
 - Honors advisors
 - HCOL liaison in your home college
 - Fellowships advisor
 - Undergraduate Student Research Coordinator
- Meet with 3 professors whose research interests you-Fall and Spring

EXPLORE

- Attend HCOL thesis advising event-Spring
- Attend majors fair-fall
- Attend career fair and talk with at least two employers -spring
- Attend Student Research Conference-spring
- Find 3 potential thesis advisors -Spring
 - Read their research
- Be able to identify different pieces and steps of the thesis project

PLAN

- Identify thesis course requirements for junior year (go.uvm.edu/thesisprep)
- Consider study abroad requirements
- Create summer goals and action plans for junior year success

Reflection, Resources and Action: Consider the suggestions above, then craft goals based on what you are learning about yourself and your academic passions.

GOALS FOR MY SECOND YEAR:

CONNECT:

EXPLORE:

PLAN:

START PLANNING AHEAD:

1

WINTER/SPRING BREAKS

2

SUMMER

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NEXT YEAR



THE HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP

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THIRD YEAR: PREPARE

CONNECT

- Identify thesis advisor-Fall
- Find thesis committee members
- Meet with academic advisor
- Meet with Honors College liaison in home college

EXPLORE

- Explore thesis topics-Fall
- Explore background knowledge on topic
- Use the library as a resource to gather information for proposal
- Literature review prep
 - Attend thesis defense of a student with a similar topic
- Explore funding options for research: The Office of Undergraduate Research

PLAN

- Plan thesis credit distribution for senior year (go.uvm.edu/thesisprep)
- Identify thesis topic
- Create/prepare thesis proposal
- Plan potential research work over the spring and summer

Reflection, Resources and Action: Consider the suggestions above, then craft goals based on what you are learning about yourself and your thesis plans.

GOALS FOR MY THIRD YEAR:

EXPLORE:

PLAN:

START PLANNING AHEAD:

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WINTER/SPRING BREAKS

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SUMMER

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NEXT YEAR



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FOURTH YEAR: WRITE, DEFEND, GRADUATE

CONNECT

- Visit with thesis advisor regularly-Fall
- Reach out to 3 employers/graduate programs that interest you-Fall
 - Use research as a discussion topic
- Talk to individuals in a similar field outside of the university
- Maintain important professional relationships-Post-grad

EXPLORE

- Attend graduate school fair-Fall
- Attend career fair-Spring
- Explore Handshake-Fall
- Attend networking/alumni events

PLAN

- Create a writing timeline-Fall
- Schedule time weekly to work on thesis

Reflection, Resources and Action: Consider the suggestions above, then craft goals based on what you are learning about yourself and your postgraduate goals.

GOALS FOR MY FOURTH YEAR:

CONNECT:

EXPLORE

PLAN:

START PLANNING AHEAD:

POST-GRAD GOALS:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

LOCATION/HOUSING NEEDS:

