

# We've got your roadmap from 1st Course to 1st Career

## REACH

(Years 1 & 2)

### Explore Majors, Minors, & Career Paths

- Utilizing Navigate, schedule a career advising appointment.
- Learn about yourself through guided career exploration.
- Explore academic programs, potential career paths, & the General Education focus that would best align.

### Get Involved

- Explore & join campus organizations & clubs.
- If you live on campus, participate in residence hall activities.
- Attend career events & JaxMix events.

### Research Graduate Schools

- Visit [www.jsu.edu/graduate](http://www.jsu.edu/graduate) to explore graduate programs offered at Jax State.
- Talk to professors & career advisors about the benefits of attending graduate school.
- Study for entrance exams & take practice tests.
- Search [gradschools.com](http://gradschools.com) or [petersons.com](http://petersons.com) to find programs of interest.

## DISCOVER

(Year 4 & Beyond)

### Complete Graduate School Prep

- Take entrance exams, if required.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from faculty & professional contacts.
- Submit transcript requests for graduate programs.
- Utilize the Writing Center to assist with admission essays.

### Connect with Employers & Alumni

- Attend career fairs, career workshops, & company information sessions to learn more about potential employers.
- Continue building your LinkedIn profile & networking with employers.
- Talk to employers to learn about industry-specific certifications & how to obtain them.

### Develop a Career Plan

- Create a post-graduate plan outlining career objectives.
- Continuously update resume & online profiles to reflect experiences, skill, General Education focus, &/or JaxMix microcredential(s).
- Continue participating in career fairs & network with industry professionals.
- Research potential job opportunities & labor market statistics.

### Gain Experience

- Begin building a resume & seek feedback from a career advisor.
- Seek volunteering, job shadowing, & other experiential learning opportunities.
- Utilize LinkedIn Learning, in your MyJaxState account, to gain valuable skills & certifications.

### Increase Involvement & Experiences

- Assume a leadership position within a student organization or club.
- Complete an internship, job shadow opportunity, or secure a part-time job related to your career goal.

### Build a Digital Network

- Learn about Handshake & begin building a profile.
- Create a LinkedIn profile & start building a professional network.
- Conduct a social media cleanse & review your digital footprint.

## ENGAGE

(Year 3)

### Prepare for Interviews

- Schedule a mock interview with your career advisor to gain valuable feedback.
- Practice common interview questions & develop compelling answers highlighting skills & experiences.
- Evaluate your professional image & attire.

