Business students at UConn go on to have rewarding and successful careers, and/or continue their education by seeking advanced degrees. Use this list of activities to help guide you to be the most engaged and prepared Business student. It is not meant to be a comprehensive list, but a suggested developmental outline to help you on your journey. As a future business professional we encourage you to take risks – begin by doing one thing on the list, and building from there. Jump in, no matter where you are in the process, and begin to engage and prepare in meaningful ways!

### LAUNCH in Your First Year: Exploring

- **Explore** the [advising website](https://undergrad.business.uconn.edu) to familiarize yourself with resources, policies, and contact information.
- Focus on **academics**—good grades and positive relationships with your professors will make you stand out.
- Hone your **skills** with time-management, and reading and writing, as these skills will be essential in the workforce.
- Prepare for and attend all required **advising meetings** (before your enrollment appointment time).
- Read all **emails** from your advisor, and professors, so as to not miss important information.
- Review and revise your **résumé** with the UCDO team (begin to remove entries from high school and consider ways to replace them with college experiences), and get familiar with career resources available at [career.business.uconn.edu](https://career.business.uconn.edu).
- Learn more about yourself—identify personal interests, values, skills, and abilities at [TME.uconn.edu](https://TME.uconn.edu), and also identify majors that relate to your interests and skills.
- **Talk** with family, friends, faculty, staff, and alumni about their jobs, maybe even consider spending a day "shadowing" someone in your field of interest.
- Attend the **Majors Fair** in the Fall.
- Attend **Career Fairs** to start to see what’s out there.
- Join a **club** or **organization** that interests you: attend Involvement Fairs and explore online [uconntact.uconn.edu/organizations](https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organizations).
- Participate in campus **activities** to help you meet new people and enjoy your time here more, and gain skills (collaboration, follow-through, organization, public speaking, etc.).
- Subscribe to the **Wall Street Journal** to stay current with world events (free to UConn Business students at: [wsj.business.uconn.edu](https://wsj.business.uconn.edu)).
- Consider leadership opportunities at [diversity.business.uconn.edu/leadership](https://diversity.business.uconn.edu/leadership).
- Attend **career** events [career.uconn.edu/events](https://career.uconn.edu/events).
- Consider applying to the **Honors Program** [honors.uconn.edu](https://honors.uconn.edu).
- **Other?**

**SUMMER:** Look for jobs or shadowing opportunities related to your interests, volunteer in your community. Consider taking a course to lighten your load, or get back on track, if necessary.

### LAUNCH in Your Second Year: Making Decisions

- Make sure you understand University and major **requirements**.
- Prepare for and attend all required **advising meetings** (before your enrollment appointment time).
- Complete **BUSN 3005** (Career Development in Business course) by the end of your 4th term, or early in Junior year.
- Declare your major by the end of your 3rd term (under the FORMS tab at: [undergrad.business.uconn.edu](https://undergrad.business.uconn.edu)).
- Participate in a **professional immersion experience** such as the Prudential Bootcamp.
- Visit UCDO to update your **résumé** and create your [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com) profile (use a professional photo) at [career.business.uconn.edu](https://career.business.uconn.edu).
- Practice **interviewing skills** in preparation for internships, etc.
- Join a **club** or **organization** that is of interest to you, and one associated with your chosen major.
- Explore **career-related opportunities** such as internships, volunteer work, and career-related part-time employment at [career.uconn.edu/careerrexploration](https://career.uconn.edu/careerrexploration).
- Consider earning an **experiential certificate** (leadership, global awareness, Bloomberg terminals, etc.).
- Complete your profile on [HuskyCareerLink](https://career.uconn.edu/resources), powered by [Handshake](https://careergoals.uconn.edu/resources).
- Research **grad** programs and **UConn 4+1** programs at [undergrad.business.uconn.edu/grad](https://undergrad.business.uconn.edu/grad).
- Plan for **references**—get to know your professors and staff on campus.
- Explore **Education Abroad** opportunities at [undergrad.business.uconn.edu/experience/abroad](https://undergrad.business.uconn.edu/experience/abroad).
- Consider leadership opportunities at [diversity.business.uconn.edu/leadership](https://diversity.business.uconn.edu/leadership).
- Attend **career** events [career.uconn.edu/events](https://career.uconn.edu/events).
- Continue to read the **Wall Street Journal** to stay current with world events (free to UConn Business students at: [wsj.business.uconn.edu](https://wsj.business.uconn.edu)).
- **Other?**

**SUMMER:** Gain more experience related to your interests and goals. Research experiential learning opportunities (internships, case competitions, study abroad).
### LAUNCH in Your Junior Year: Learning Outside the Classroom
- Review **University and major requirements**—run your Academic Requirements Report (studentadmin.uconn.edu/help/students/academic-requirements-report) to check your specific requirements and fully take ownership of your education.
- Get to know your new **Advisor** (a professor in your field).
- Engage with your **academic department** and identify a **faculty mentor**.
- Attend **career events** career.uconn.edu/events.
- Consider if a **UConn 4+1 program** is for you and apply: undergrad.business.uconn.edu/academics/4plus1.
- Research **employment options available to you in your chosen major**.
- Continue to **talk with professionals** in your field.
- Continue to work with UCDO to update your résumé and LinkedIn profile, establish a strong network.
- Update your HuskyCareerLink / Handshake profile.
- Apply for summer **internship opportunities**.
- If considering **graduate school**, begin researching schools and relevant graduate school exam schedules.
- Attend **job fairs**.
- Explore **Education Abroad opportunities** undergrad.business.uconn.edu/experience/abroad.
- Be **intentional** with your co-curricular experiences—consider moving into a leadership position in a club or organization to which you belong.
- Build your list of **references**—create a list of people in your professional network (faculty, staff, former employers, community members).
- Continue to read the **Wall Street Journal** to stay current with world events (free to UConn Business students at: wsj.business.uconn.edu).
- Connect with the **Alumni Office** to facilitate transition to being a UConn Alum uconnalumni.com.

### LAUNCH in Your Senior Year: Putting it into Action
- Review **University and major requirements**—run your Academic Requirements Report (studentadmin.uconn.edu/help/students/academic-requirements-report) to ensure you are ready to graduate.
- Be sure you have all of your major(s) / concentration / minor(s) **declared correctly**.
- **Apply for graduation** and submit your Final Plan of Study once registered for your final semester.
- Attend **job fairs**.
- **Join** a professional organization, and continue your involvement on campus.
- Update your résumé and review **cover letter writing skills**—have them reviewed by career staff.
- Complete the **MBTI** for further self-discovery.
- Consider leadership opportunities at diversity.business.uconn.edu/leadership.
- Continue to read the **Wall Street Journal** to stay current with world events (free to UConn Business students at: wsj.business.uconn.edu).
- If attending **graduate school**, complete application process.
- **Prepare** for interviews, attend mock interview sessions.
- Engage with your **academic department** and work with your **faculty mentor**.
- Collect **references** and letters of recommendation** from your faculty.
- **Research trends** and new developments in your field.
- **Apply for jobs**! Search Handshake, network, research careers and employers.
- Connect with the **Alumni Office** to facilitate transition to being a UConn Alum uconnalumni.com.

### SUMMER: Gain more experience related to your interests and goals. Continue discussions with professionals in your field. Practice talking about yourself and your skills.