

WHAT TO DO...

1st YEAR (Complete 30-32 credit hours by the end of the year)

- Decide on your curriculum.
 - Need help choosing a major? Start with FOCUS: wmich.edu/career/focus
- Get to know your advisors and instructors. Ask them questions!
- Get involved with campus activities and organizations.
- See advisors prior to registration each semester.
 - Beat the registration rush! The best times are from Sept. 1-Oct. 1 and Jan. 15-March 1.
 - Registration for Spring courses begins in early October. Registration for Fall courses begins mid-March.
- Register with Handshake: wmich.edu/career/students/search.
- Use campus success resources like the Academic Resource Center and Writing Center: wmich.edu/casp.
- Create an academic plan using DegreeWorks and check it with your advisor(s).

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- GO TO CLASS!
- Turn in your work.
- Meet with your academic advisor(s).
- Check your WMU email daily.
- Use DegreeWorks: wmich.edu/registrar/students/degreeworks
- Meet with instructors at least twice a semester.
- Get help in classes before you need it.
- Gain volunteer or paid career related experience.
- Get involved with campus activities.
- Update your BroncoJobs profile and resume.
- Complete your FAFSA October 1 to March 1.
- Apply for University, College and Departmental Scholarships.
- Enjoy your college experience.

2nd YEAR (Complete 60-64 credit hours by the end of the year)

- Double check with your advisor and DegreeWorks to stay on track.
- Attend a Study Abroad information session.
- Join student organizations related to your major/minor.
- Create a resume -- Use the Writing Center or Career and Student Employment Services.
- Consider internships in your area.

3rd YEAR (Complete 90-96 credit hours by the end of the year)

- Refine your resume.
- Research graduate schools and registration deadlines.
- Take graduate school admissions exams.
- Apply for internships.
- See your advisor to apply for graduation audit at 88 credit hours.

4th YEAR (Complete 122+ credit hours by the end of the year)

- Search out networking opportunities within your field.
- Refine your resume.
- Attend a Career and Student Employment Services Career Fair.

WHERE TO GET HELP

Academic Resource Center
(269) 387-4442
wmich.edu/tutoring

Career and Student Employment Services
First Floor, Ellsworth Hall
(269) 387-2745
wmich.edu/career

Counseling Services
Sindecuse Health Center
(269) 387-1850
wmich.edu/counseling

Disability Services for Students
Woodlawn Place
(269) 387-2116
wmich.edu/disabilityservices

Financial Aid and Bronco Express
Bernhard Center
(269) 387-6000
wmich.edu/finaid
wmich.edu/broncoexpress

First Year Success Guide
wmich.edu/registrar/students/advising

Sindecuse Health Center
(269) 387-3287
wmich.edu/healthcenter

Writing Center
(269) 387-4615
wmich.edu/writingcenter