

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

### CAREER TIMELINE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

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- Earn good grades (aim for 3.0 GPA or higher)
- Consider taking a study skills course
- Meet regularly with your academic advisor (at least once per semester)
- Attend the Campus Involvement Fair (join 1-2 organizations)
- Get to know your professors (use their office hours)
- Find a volunteer opportunity (find opportunities and create a volunteer transcript here: <http://www.payitforward.osu.edu/> )
- Start your resume

#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

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- Continue to earn good grades
- Continue being involved in student organizations, particularly the Social Work Student Association, and seek ways to increase your responsibilities within these organizations
- Continue your current volunteer opportunity or explore a new opportunity
- Continue regular meetings with your academic advisor and seek advice about your major and career goals
- Consider enrolling in a course to help explore and clarify your educational and career interests
- Update your resume

#### JUNIOR YEAR

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- Focus on your major coursework to achieve a high major GPA

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- Add a minor in another area to expand your career options
- Consider participating in a social work study abroad program in the upcoming summer
- Continue your student organization involvement
- Pursue an independent research project under the guidance of a social work faculty member
- Prepare yourself for your field placement selection (preview the field agency database; attend the field open house and complete the field questionnaire)
- Continue to update your resume

### SENIOR YEAR

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- Take social work electives to enhance your marketability
- Actively shape your learning experiences in your field practicum
- Finalize course selections and be sure you meet graduation requirements
- Network with professors, social work practitioners, family and friends to develop prospective contacts- join NASW
- Develop a list of professional and academic references
- SWK 4188 seminars in Fall and Spring Semesters will include a variety of career-related topics
- Schedule a resume review with our Career Counselor or at Career Connection
- Practice your interviewing skills and schedule a mock interview with our Career Counselor or at Career Connection
- Conduct your job search- be aware of the time and effort involved in this process

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- Attend the MWANAFUNZI job fair in Spring Semester
- Prepare to take the social work licensure exam during your expected term of graduation.

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