



THE ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER

THINKING OF GRADUATE SCHOOL???

This timeline will help guide you through the process.

JUNIOR YEAR

- Research potential graduate programs.
- Schedule campus visits.
- Begin preparing for admission tests.

Summer before Senior Year

- Determine the schools to which you will apply. Do a timeline of application deadlines.
- Sign up for required admission tests. Begin to study/prep. Make sure timing of test and score reporting will make application deadline.
- Review applications for personal statement request/question. Write a draft of your personal statement.

SENIOR YEAR

August/September

- Continue to study for admission tests.
- Approach professors to review your personal statement and discuss programs of interest.

October/November

- Take admission test(s) and have scores sent to your chosen school(s).
- Approach faculty members and/or employers for letters of recommendation after reviewing process on application. Provide recommenders with a copy of your personal statement and resume. Give recommenders an appropriate amount of time and materials with clear instructions.
- Order and forward official transcripts from all colleges attended, unless the applications state otherwise.

December/January/February

- Photocopy application(s) and keep them for your record.
- Complete application(s) to school(s) to which you are applying by deadline date(s).
- Request scholarship/fellowship/assistantship information from all schools to which you applied.
- File your FAFSA online if interested in any type of financial aid (i.e. scholarships, grants, and student loans).
- Verify with school(s) whether application is complete.

March/April/May

- Submit admission response to the graduate/professional schools to which you have been accepted.
- Send thank you letters to all individuals who helped you in the process!

**Be sure to pay attention to deadlines. You will need to adjust this timeline to meet various program deadlines and instructions.*