Communication Major:  
Your Academic Guide to Freshman Year

Think Globally

• Explore opportunities for study abroad, alternative break trips, pilgrimage to Assisi, the Washington Center and service trips.
• Start at the Study Abroad Office or studyabroad@alvernia.edu.

Take the Right Classes

• Review general education, University and Major requirements.
• Be aware of which semester required courses are offered.
• Focus on getting good grades.

Get Good Advice

• Get to know Communication faculty and your advisor.
• Visit the Educational Planning Center on the first floor of Bernardine Hall.

Real Life Learning

• Explore opportunities for upcoming internships.
• Utilize skills acquired in First Year Experience.

Make the Right Connections

• Identify peers that support your academic goals.
• Get involved by writing for *The Alvernian*, a student-run newspaper, or the *Zephyrus*, a literary magazine. Join the Theatre Club, get involved with the Student Government Association, or consider some of the many other student clubs and community organizations.

Get Ready to Graduate

• Develop a working resume.
• Assess your strengths, weaknesses and interests.
Communication Major:  
Your Academic Guide to Sophomore Year

Think Globally

• Review opportunities for extended learning and, if interested, start planning with the Study Abroad Office.

Take the Right Classes

• Focus on getting good grades.
• Work with your advisor to make sure you're taking the courses you need in the semester they are offered.

Get Good Advice

• Talk to Communication faculty and your advisor about your area(s) of interest within the field of communication.
• Stay in touch with the Educational Planning Center.

Real Life Learning

• Explore opportunities for upcoming internships and set a time frame for locating one or more.
• Look into the Alternative Break program.
• Shadow in jobs that relate to your specific interests.
• Look for part-time or summer jobs that relate to your interests.
• Get familiar with the Educational Planning Center's internship database.

Make the Right Connections

• Volunteer for community service.
• Stay involved in clubs and organizations.
• Observe the roles of those in leadership positions.
• Form study groups.

Get Ready to Graduate

• Update your working resume.
• Assess your strengths, weaknesses and interests.
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Your Academic Guide to Junior Year

Think Globally

- Participate in Study Abroad program.
- Participate in service trips or “May”mester.

Take the Right Classes

- Focus on getting good grades and improving GPA.
- Secure internship unless option for research project.
- Identify project for Research Seminar if not doing an internship.
- Work with advisor to make sure you’re on track to graduate on time.

Get Good Advice

- Talk to faculty members about career opportunities.
- Stay in touch with the Educational Planning Center.
- Get familiar with Vault.com, a career services library available on Educational Planning Center's website.

Real Life Learning

- Look into the Alternative Break program.
- Shadow in jobs that relate to your specific interests.
- Look for part-time or summer jobs that relate to your interests.
- Get familiar with the Educational Planning Center's Internship database.

Make the Right Connections

- Assume leadership roles on campus.
- Connect with alumni in your field.
- Secure a research mentor to oversee your research project (if selecting research option).

Get Ready to Graduate

- Get feedback on working resume from Educational Planning Center.
- Get resume ready for practicum applications and job fair.
- Work on getting recommendations.
- Attend Career Planning opportunities such as job fairs and practice interviews.
- Look for coaching opportunities.
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Think Globally

• Look for service opportunities.

Take the Right Classes

• Make sure you are on track for your Research Seminar project.
• Complete internship if you are participating in one.

Get Good Advice

• Work closely with advisor to make sure you're on track to graduate on time.
• Stay in touch with the Educational Planning Center.
• Talk to faculty members about career opportunities.
• Ask for advice from professionals in your area of interest.

Real Life Learning

• Successfully complete your internship.
• Participate in off-campus activities, such as volunteering with an Alvernia community partner.

Make the Right Connections

• Continue in leadership roles on campus.
• Connect with alumni in your field.
• Attend campus events at which alumni are present.
• Meet professionals in the community who work in my area of interest.

Get Ready to Graduate

• Fine tune your resume.
• Search for jobs through Vault.com.
• Finalize recommendations.
• Attend Career Planning opportunities such as job fairs and practice interviews.
• Attend the Alvernia Job Fair.