Biology 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 Biology 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 with the Environmental Club, the Pre-Health Professions Club, the Science Association and/or other student clubs, along with community organizations.

Get Ready to Graduate

- Develop a working resume.
- Assess your strengths, weaknesses and interests.
- Begin the process of obtaining all required background checks and clearances.
Biology 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.

Get Good Advice

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

Real Life Learning

• Explore opportunities for upcoming internships. 
• 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. 
• Complete the process of obtaining all required background checks and clearances.
Biology Major:
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.
• 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.
• Attend Biology Department events.

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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Your Academic Guide to Senior Year

Think Globally

• Look for service opportunities.

Take the Right Classes

• Complete Practicum I and Practicum II.

Get Good Advice

• Work closely with advisor to make sure I’m 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 my area of interest.

Real Life Learning

• Do well in practicums.

Make the Right Connections

• Continue in leadership roles on campus.
• Connect with alumni in my field – attend Alumni Mixer.
• Attend Psychology Department Alumni dinner.
• Meet professionals in the community who work in my area of interest.

Get Ready to Graduate

• Fine tune my 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.