

Finance Journey Map

Junior Year | Design Your Path

Understanding the Industry	Applicable Skills	Networking	Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand and know the fundamentals of finance and decide on a sector of finance that you would like to pursue. Review Careers in Financial Markets to help. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve in a leadership role in a student organization or in the community (finance focused recommended): Anchor Link 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Fall & Spring Career Fairs hosted by the Career Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing Education: Meet with a Pre-Grad Advisor and Research graduate/professional schools at least 1 year in advance of deadlines. Study for and complete any exams the summer before senior year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make an appointment with your academic and career advisors to discuss graduation progress and career planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen your applicable skills using LinkedIn Learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Finance Fest in February during spring semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare to discuss how your experience in different jobs, classes, extracurricular activities etc. make you a good candidate, given your applicable skills and what led you to apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Firsthand Guides (provided by Vanderbilt) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research salaries, benefits, and other opportunities for flexibility to prepare for job offer negotiations if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect with an alumni or current student at the companies you're most interested in pursuing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fill-in Finance Fall Recruiting Timeline document with application & interview deadlines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to read market publications and to stay up to date with the news (Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, Dealbook, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Career Center's Videos on Demand, Offer Negotiation Strategies Webinar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Company Information Sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly check Handshake for upcoming finance-focused Job Opportunities and Employer Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice articulating market trends and news events for interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule a mock interview with your Career Coach to practice technical questions (Resource: Wall Street Prep) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize the Finance Networking document in Handshake to track networking progress 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review NACE's Career Readiness Competencies and determine if there are any competencies you need to build further 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine-tune your story for why you plan to pursue that specific area in Finance (your elevator pitch) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update and tailor resume and cover letter for the financial sector you'd like to pursue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you've secured an internship, begin to reach out and network with people and other interns inside your organization 	

