

CAREER FOUR YEAR PLAN

FOURTH YEAR



Start early and stay focused!
The following are recommendations for staying on track and avoiding senior year stress. Questions? Contact Christie Andersen, Career Development Specialist at ceandersen@colum.edu.

SENIOR YEAR: BUILD JOB SEARCH SKILLS AND PURSUE EMPLOYMENT

- Revisit your body of work once again. You should be developing a clear vision of yourself as an artist, writer, performer, etc. If you cannot narrow down to 2 – 3 specific career options, contact the Career Development Specialist focus.
- Meet early with the Career Development Specialist or a mentor to create a job search plan.
- Consider a career planning course in your major, if one is offered.
- Polish your web portfolio by focusing on your best work.
- Do at least one mock interview to get feedback on how you present yourself and your work.
- Keep updating your resume and be sure that it is ready to go out to employers. Have your resume reviewed by at least three professionals.
- Create your 30 second “elevator speech” for networking.
- Continue to build your professional network-remember that this is the best way to get a job, especially in competitive fields.
- Take advantage of opportunities to connect with employers at Columbia- including Show Offs and Information Sessions.
- Plan to attend Industry Night, a spring event that allows you to network with professionals in your field of interest.
- Compile and polish your portfolio, reel, etc. Utilize production services offered through the Portfolio Center.
- Attend Show Off portfolio reviews, sponsored by the Portfolio Center, which allow you to meet with a variety of industry professionals to get feedback on your work.
- Start searching for jobs three to six months before you graduate. Apply immediately to anything that interests you!

NOTES AND NEXT STEPS:
