

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

SUCCESS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Freshman Year

Professional Networking

- **Meet faculty**
- **Attend SPS research night (Fall) and SRC (Winter)**
- Get to know your faculty advisor
- Meet classmates and other students in the department
- Join / create a study group

Experiences

- **Join a club: Society of Physics Students, BYU Astronomical Society, AI in Medicine, etc.**
- Attend department seminars and colloquia

Looking Forward

- **Draft a resume**
- **Create a Handshake profile**
- Start researching internships
- Visit Career Studio 1134 WSC
- Meet your Career Director Anna Kennington

Classes to Consider

- STDEV 117 Career Exploration

Sophomore Year

Professional Networking

- **Attend research group mtgs**
- Check in with faculty advisor
- Attend Student Research Conference (Winter)
- Network with alumni
- Opt in to department listserv

Experiences

- Become a club leader
- Attend department seminars and colloquia
- **Participate in research**
- **Consider a summer internship (start looking in Fall)**

Looking Forward

- **Update your resume**
- **Create LinkedIn profile and connect with BYU alumni**
- Review the department webpage on internships

Classes to Consider

- STDEV 317 Job and Internship Search Strategies

Junior Year

Professional Networking

- Befriend upcoming students
- **Attend STEM Career Fairs**
- **Attend department alumni networking event (Winter)**

Experiences

- **Make progress on research**
- **Attend a research/industry conference**
- Attend department seminars and colloquia
- TA a class
- **Find a summer internship (start looking in Fall)**
- Continue mentored research

Looking Forward

- Practice interviewing in Career Studio
- Start preparing for GRE if needed
- **Update resume, profiles**

Classes to Consider

- PHSCS 502 Job Search Strategies
- STDEV 318 Graduate School Preparation

Senior Year

Professional Networking

- **Request letters of recommendation**
- Network at a conference
- Mentor upcoming students
- Stay connected with internship supervisor

Experiences

- Participate in club leadership
- Publish a paper
- Take GRE if needed
- **Present at a research conference**
- Attend department seminars and colloquia

Looking Forward

- Update resume, profiles
- Complete capstone/thesis
- Apply for grad school (Fall)
- Apply for internships or jobs
- Complete exit interview with department chairs

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Helpful Links & Resources



Phys/Astro Internships



Phys/Astro Research



BYU Career Studio



BYU Handshake