

Sophomores

GET INVOLVED AND PLAN FOR SUCCESS

- Continue **exploring your interests through courses and activities.** Consider a double major or a minor outside of the Isenberg School of Management or complement your academic studies by taking courses through the <u>Five College Consortium</u>. If you're considering a major outside of Isenberg, study abroad, or a domestic exchange, see your academic advisor in the <u>Undergraduate Programs & Advising Office</u> (Isenberg N230).
- Take initiative and seek **leadership opportunities** in <u>Isenberg clubs</u>, <u>UMass organizations</u>, <u>community</u> <u>service</u>, campus activities, and <u>club</u> and <u>intramural sports</u>. Employers value leadership experience.
- cs Complete sophomore Career and Professional Development course, ISOM 200. This course will build your confidence about your resume, cover letter, LinkedIn profile, interviewing skills and ability to use numerous career focused resources.
- Make an appointment with a <u>Career Coach</u> at the Chase Career Center for help writing or updating your **resume**. It typically takes 2-3 drafts before your resume is ready for prime time!
- Attend career fairs and other on-campus recruitment events:
 - o <u>Isenberg Career Day</u> in late September
 - o McCormack Sports Management Career Fair in early November
 - o HTM Career Fair in mid-November
 - University Career Blast in February
 - o Information Tables, Company Sponsored Workshops, Employer Resume Review & Practice Interview Days, etc.
- Gain valuable work experience, through on campus employment, internships and co-ops. Multiple experiences are highly valued by employers. Use IsenbergWorks to find internship and co-op opportunities. Develop proficiency with both the IsenbergWorks and Handshake job posting systems.
- Develop **relationships with advisors, faculty, and staff.** They can provide you with insights and understanding that could influence your choice of a major or pursuit of a career. They may also become a key part of your professional network.
- Broaden your business knowledge by exploring the <u>Business Library Collection</u>, following companies and professional organizations on <u>LinkedIn</u>, and reading publications such as <u>Bloomberg BusinessWeek</u>, <u>The Wall Street Journal or Boston Business Journal</u>.
- Consider **Study Abroad** or **Domestic Exchange** Be strategic about when you choose to <u>study abroad</u> or study at another US college or university through <u>domestic exchange</u> in order to avoid peak internship recruiting timeframes. Spring semester junior year is a critical internship recruiting period.