WHY A FOUR-YEAR PLAN?

The University of North Florida is rich in resources and opportunities to help you achieve your goals. Students just like you choose to complete their undergraduate education at UNF because they can accomplish these goals in many areas. UNF, a nationally ranked university located on an environmentally beautiful campus, offers students who are dedicated to enriching the lives of others the opportunity to build their own futures through a well-rounded education.

In the classroom, you will pursue academic and intellectual growth. Through co-curricular activities, you will develop interactive social and leadership skills. In service learning, undergraduate research, internships and study abroad, you will experience the world and anticipate your place in it. You will become a contributing, empowered citizen through service to your community – locally, nationally and internationally.

Within these diverse experiences, you will learn about yourself intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, physically and in relation to others. We challenge you to use this plan to explore and answer the question: "Who do I want to be at UNF and in the world?"

WHAT IS A FOUR-YEAR PLAN?

The Four-Year Plan is designed for you – to make the most of your undergraduate experience at UNF. The plan clarifies what is expected of you (and what’s available to you) from your first year to your last. It establishes benchmarks over four years, encouraging you to share achievements with advisors, professors, family and friends along with prospective employers and graduate school admissions committees. The plan helps you assess current accomplishments and recommends future steps. This plan also works for transfer students completing their undergraduate program at UNF.

In a nutshell, the Four-Year Plan provides a roadmap for maximizing opportunities in your curricular and co-curricular life. By fully engaging this plan, you will:

- Rise to academic challenges and excel in your coursework.
- Be an active and collaborative learner and participate fully in your education.
- Seek enriching experiences by pursuing activities that integrate your classroom education with community-based learning opportunities through internships, service, study abroad, co-curricular activities, leadership opportunities and/or a culminating senior experience.
- Utilize the University’s resources (staff, faculty, services and facilities) to support your success.
- Identify and apply the skills acquired from all of your experiences.

Academic Advising

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(904) 620-1012

Brooks College of Health
J. Brooks Brown Hall, Building 39
(904) 620-2812

Coggin College of Business
Building 42
(904) 620-2575

College of Arts & Sciences
Social Sciences Building, Building 51
(904) 620-2797

College of Computing,
Engineering & Construction
Science & Engineering Building,
Building 50
(904) 620-1680 (Engineering)
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(904) 620-2985 (Computing, Building 15)

College of Education & Human Services
Building 57
(904) 620-2530

Honors
J. J. Daniel Hall, Building 1
(904) 620-2649

Academic Advising Council
FIRST YEAR

• Meet your academic dream team. Academic advisors, career counselors and faculty will help define and discuss your goals.
• Sign-up for a class in the Freshman Experience Program.
• Find your Degree Evaluation and My Osprey Map in myWings. Use these tools to select classes for next term and start tracking your progress toward graduation.
• Check your UNF e-mail.
• Utilize free tutoring in ACE. Attend study skills workshop(s) as part of your plan to achieve academic success.
• Get to know your faculty. Establish bonds and create a resource network.
• Make life-long friends.
• Start a portfolio. Save noteworthy projects, papers and assignments.
• Balance your responsibilities. Research time management techniques and healthy ways to manage stress.
• Learn the University Alma Mater.
• Earn 30 credit hours by the end of the year.
• Attend cultural events on-campus.
• Establish a budget and develop a personal finance plan.
• Enjoy the beautiful campus. Take a walk on the nature trails.
• Volunteer through the campus volunteer center.
• Be a healthy Osprey. Visit Health Promotion and the new Student Wellness Complex.
• Join a student club or organization, sorority or fraternity.
• Show school spirit. Attend athletic events, campus activities and Homecoming.
• Join an intramural team.
• Register in Career Wings. Learn about career exploration programs and work experience opportunities.
• Meet with a career counselor. Start the career development process.
• Visit the Career Services Library. Explore the connection between majors and careers.

SECOND YEAR

• Maintain a strong GPA. Continue meeting with an academic advisor and personal support staff.
• Complete general education requirements and prerequisite courses for your major.
• Seek out a research or Transformational Learning Opportunity for your major.
• Review department websites for your major(s) of interest.
• Attend informational events related to your declared major or one you are exploring.
• Review all admission criteria and application deadlines with an academic advisor if selecting Limited Access or Selective Admission major.
• Plan a future international adventure through Study Abroad.
• Attend cultural events on campus.
• Apply for an A.A. degree in myWings by the deadline in the semester you are completing requirements.
• Learn about community-based learning opportunities for your major.
• Get involved with Student Government.
• Take your leadership role to the next level. Become an executive member of an organization.
• Participate in the Leadership Certificate program.
• Lead by example. Become a Resident Assistant, Peer Mentor, Peer Advisor, Orientation Team Leader, ACE Tutor or Week of Welcome (WOW) Leader.
• Attend the Leadership Summit at UNF.
• Volunteer at an Alternative Spring Break opportunity.
• Continue your career exploration. Clarify your plans and explore career opportunities for your major.
• Look into undergraduate research opportunities, i.e. Undergraduate Thesis and Honors in the Major.
• Take an outdoor trip or participate in the Osprey Challenge Course through the Eco-Adventure and Wildlife Sanctuary.

THIRD YEAR

• Continue to maintain a strong GPA. Stay focused on your academic goals.
• Meet with an academic advisor in your college. Review your Degree Evaluation and My Osprey Map.
• Participate in a Study Abroad opportunity.
• Network with faculty and explore research opportunities for your major.
• Investigate internship opportunities within industries and companies for your major.
• Check application deadlines and prepare to take graduate school exams (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT).
• Begin the S.T.A.R program with Career Services to develop employability skills.
• Discuss the possibility of a double major or minor with your academic advisor.
• Attend workshops on resume writing, interview techniques and other job search information.
• Commit to one or more things you enjoy participating in on campus.
• Cultivate your leadership positions and acquire important work references.
• Attend cultural events on campus.
• Set healthy goals that will carry you through the semester.

FOURTH YEAR

• Review a final Degree Evaluation and graduation requirements with an academic advisor.
• Send letters of application and inquiry to prospective employers.
• Apply for graduation in myWings by the deadline in the semester you are completing requirements.
• Complete the S.T.A.R. program. Consult your Career Services College Liaison to activate a job search plan.
• Attend job fairs or graduate/professional school fairs.
• Participate in internship or capstone experiences if required for your major.
• Collect references. Ask faculty and current employers.
• Become a mentor to other students.
• Watch out for senioritis.
• Cultivate personal relationships with friends and family.
• Obtain your Experiential Learning Transcript through the Institute on Values, Community and Leadership.
• Meet with Career Services. Finalize your resume. Participate in mock interviews.
• Give back the freshman 15. Adopt a healthy lifestyle.
• Make connections with the UNF Alumni Association.