

Junior Success

Congratulations! You're halfway to graduation!!!!

Now that you're an experienced student, use what you've learned to set yourself up for success after graduation. Keep your eyes on the prize and follow this checklist to maximize your achievements.

ACADEMICS

- **Know the graduation requirements.** Remember you need 123 credits and a minimum GPA of 2.0 to graduate.
- **If you haven't declared a major, make this decision a priority.** If you need assistance, speak to your academic advisor or a [career counselor](#).
- **Meet with your academic advisor** to review the requirements for graduation.
- **Keep studying!** Excel in your major subjects and keep your grades up.
- **If graduate school is in your future**, plan your application timeline and determine if GREs, MATs, LSATs, or other exams are required. Connect with the Career and Professional Development Center for tips about applying to graduate school.
- **Complete your [Experiential Learning Initiative \(ELI\)](#) credit**, and explore opportunities to travel through [study abroad](#).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- **Visit the [Career and Professional Development Center](#)** as you prepare for a job search or internship next year.
- **Research your field of study** and check out organizations that meet your interests.
- **Prepare to apply for major-related internships** and field work opportunities.
- **Join a professional organization** related to your major or attend academic conferences in your field.
- **Use LinkedIn to maintain a professional profile**, develop a resume, and share it with your advisor or a [career counselor](#).
- **Attend career and job fairs.** This is a great way to explore various organizations. Check out the Career and Professional Development Center's [events page](#).
- **Build your portfolio**, identifying examples of your academic accomplishments.

PERSONAL GROWTH

- **Take time to learn about yourself** . . . your beliefs, values and what's important to you.
- **Take advantage of structured opportunities** such as retreats and immersion experiences.
- **Spend some quiet time reflecting** on the following questions:
 - What have people I've encountered taught me about myself and the world?
 - How has my Messiah experience changed me?
 - In what ways have I moved toward being the person I want to be?
 - During my remaining time at Messiah, what would I like to learn more about?

COMMUNITY & INVOLVEMENT

- **Enhance your skill set** in ways that add value.
- **Take on a leadership role** in a student club or organization.
- **Seek out opportunities to advance your professionalism skills**, such as:
 - Communication, teamwork, collaboration, problem-solving, enthusiasm, initiative, dependability, and integrity.