

3-Year Master's Career Timeline

Including:
Master of Architecture
Master of Landscape Architecture

TIPS

Build your network

- Get to know 2nd year students, speak with professors and visiting lecturers about their career paths, attend networking events, and connect with alums through [LinkedIn](#), [MyPenn](#), and [WSOD alumni association](#).

Use your winter and summer breaks

- Set up [informational interviews](#) with alumni and potential employers, revise your resume and work on your portfolio, and be strategic about upcoming classes: what skills do you need to develop and refine?

Get the most out of your internship(s):

- Take on challenging projects, shadow as many of your colleagues as possible, refine your career goals, maintain contact with your supervisor

Tips for international students:

- Practice speaking English, see if you can identify people from your home country that work for U.S. companies, use specialized resources like [GoinGlobal](#), [Devex](#), and [Uniworld](#) on the Career Services website

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1st Semester: CAREER EXPLORATION

- Familiarize yourself with Career Services resources
 - Activate your [Handshake](#) account to schedule appointments, search and apply to internships and jobs, and view events
 - Set your Career Interests to get personalized content sent to you
 - Visit Career Services [website](#) for resources by career field, career plan survey reports, and "Penn and Beyond" blog
 - Login to website and set your email preferences
 - Set up a meeting with a Career Advisor
- Join Professional Associations
 - Look at professional association memberships of alumni in your field - [LinkedIn](#) is one way to do this - and consider getting involved in those that also interest you. Think of one that also offer networking and professional development resources.
 - [WSOD](#) & [Penn Alumni LinkedIn](#) groups

2nd Semester: INTERNSHIP SEARCH

- Update your Resume
 - Review the [Graduate Design Resume Guide](#)
 - Place your education at the top of your resume
 - Add coursework and relevant technical skills
 - Review resume/cover letter with a Career Advisor
- Prepare for Design + Creative Career Fair
 - Register for the fair on [Handshake](#)
 - Research career fair employers ahead of time
 - Practice your personal pitch and practice interview skills via [BigInterview](#)
- Attend [Career Services events](#)
 - Workshops and events on job/internship skills

3rd Semester: REFINE

- Update resume to include internship experience
 - List your summer accomplishments
 - Update your portfolio
 - Line up professional and academic references
- Build your network
 - Speak with professors about their professional contacts
 - Speak with visiting lecturers about their career paths
 - Attend networking events hosted by professional associations
 - Make the most of Penn contacts on [MyPenn](#) and [LinkedIn](#)

4th Semester: INTERNSHIP SEARCH

- Utilize [Career Services events](#) and services
 - Use [Handshake](#) to search and apply for internships and jobs and follow up with employers of interest
 - Design + Creative Career Fair
- Apply for internships and prepare for interviews
 - Review resumes/cover letters with a Career Advisor
 - Use [Handshake](#) to search for opportunities
 - Make a condensed set of work samples from your portfolio to send potential employers

5th Semester: ACTIVELY PREPARE

- Focus your job search
 - Identify where you want to work geographically and your top employers
 - Network: let contacts know you are job hunting
 - Stay in touch with your internship supervisor
 - Review Career Plans Surveys from past years to identify employers who have hired Weitzman students
- Be strategic about 3rd year classes
 - What skills do you need to develop and refine?
 - Can you refine a specialization?
 - How do your classes align with your careers goals?
- Prepare to market yourself
 - Coordinate your resume and portfolio
 - Use winter break to prepare for your job search

6th Semester: JOB SEARCH

- Make your job search a "class"
 - Treat your job search as a course and set aside time to work on it every week
- Prepare for Design + Creative Career Fair
 - Register for the fair on [Handshake](#)
 - Research career fair employers ahead of time using Penn Career Fair + app
 - Have your portfolio reviewed with the Penn Weitzman Alumni members
- Interview, negotiate, accept!
 - Schedule a mock interview with a Career Advisor when you receive an interview invitation
 - Meet a Career Advisor to discuss offer negotiation
 - Thank your references when you accept a position and fill out the Career Plans Survey