

Freshman Year Career Checklist

by Economics Career Services

What do you envision yourself doing as a career and what steps will you take to get there? While planning for the summers and life beyond college may seem daunting, it's essential to accomplishing your goals. This checklist from Economics Career Services is designed to show you steps you can take your freshman year to prepare yourself for the rest of college and eventually a full-time job.



Freshman Year Career Checklist Pt. 1

- Go to Quad Day the Sunday before school starts to get information on all of the RSOs U of I offers

- Join RSOs pertaining to your interests, major, and professional goals

- Follow [@ugeconuiuc](#) on Instagram and like *Economics at Illinois Undergraduate* on Facebook to stay in the loop with all of the events the major puts on

- See an Economics advisor to introduce yourself and ask any questions you have about courses and the economics major tracks

- Register with [Handshake](#) to access and apply to employment opportunities

- Update your resume. Check out the templates on the Economics Career Services website to see which style best fits your experiences

- Make a career advising appointment with [Economics Career Services](#) to go over your career plan(s), job materials, or any questions you may have



Freshman Year Career Checklist Pt. 2

- Go to the "Career Labs" put on by Economics Career Services to get feedback on your resume and other job materials before applying to jobs

- Apply to opportunities you see on Handshake, LinkedIn, and other websites that interest you

- Attend the Gies Business Career Fair in the fall and/or spring as a practice to prepare for future career fairs when you are actively searching

- Have a professional headshot taken either at a career fair or by a peer

- Register for Econ 198 for the fall semester of your sophomore year

- Do not stress the job search for your first summer of college as there is no right or wrong experience for your resume as long as it uses relevant skills
