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| **Business**         | Consulting companies, Financial institutions, Insurance companies, Major retail firms, Manufacturers and wholesalers, Nonprofit organizations | • Consider an MBA for brand management, consulting, and research opportunities.  
• Gain experience as a financial officer or treasurer of a campus organization.  
• Get a strategy or business minor |
| **Education**        | Colleges and universities, Libraries, Private learning centers, Public and private schools, School board members | • Become an "expert" in a particular subject.  
• Become skilled in the use of multimedia.  
• Earn a graduate degree to teach in post-secondary institutions.  
• Gain volunteer experience in an education setting.  
• Learn how to develop curriculum and workshops. |
• Complete an internship with a government agency.  
• Consider a variety of entry-level positions in all branches of government.  
• Develop foreign language skills and have foreign travel experiences.  
• Gain relevant experience in student government or other related organizations. |
• Do an internship with nonprofit enterprises, international relief organizations, or intergovernmental organizations.  
• Gain foreign language proficiency. Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish are highly marketable.  
• Participate in a summer or semester abroad program. |
| **Law**              | Internet Sites, Magazines/Newspapers, National, State, and regional radio networks, News departments of local, public, and commercial radio/TV stations, Political action committees, Political Parties, Syndicated radio services, Wire Services | • Become proficient in desktop publishing and photography.  
• Choose writing intensive coursework.  
• Consider obtaining a minor or double major in communications.  
• Create a portfolio of published writing samples.  
• Find summer or part-time work with a local newspaper/magazine or radio/TV stations.  
• Get involved in theatrical productions (i.e., direct, act, or work with technical crew).  
• Volunteer to announce local or campus sporting events.  
• Volunteer with public TV or radio.  
• Acquire the ability to write and speak effectively to understand legal institutions, values and to think critically.  
• Become skilled in debate and public speaking.  
• Complete special training requirements for paralegal positions.  
• Earn a law degree to become an attorney.  
• Obtain summer or part-time work in a law firm.  
• Organize campus events, speakers, or political rallies. |
| **Journalism**       | Broadcast, News Programming, Production, Reporting, Print, Circulation, Editing, Reporting | • Become involved in Model United Nations.  
• Obtain a Civic Engagement minor.  
• Participate in relevant volunteer experience.  
• Participate in local or national campaigns.  
• Plan on obtaining an advanced degree in political science, public administration or public policy.  
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| **Non-Profit Organizations** | Corporate legal departments, Federal courts, Government agencies, Law firms, Public service agencies | • Be prepared to begin a political career as a volunteer before moving to full-time or paid positions.  
• Gain experience and make contacts through internships with government agencies or public officials.  
• Obtain leadership roles in campus organizations.  
• Participate in student government and campus politics.  
• Volunteer to work with public interest groups, political campaigns, political associations, or community service projects. |
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