1A. Freshman Year, Biology Department

- **Academic Advising**
  Use your academic adviser and the peer advising program to explore Biology and other potential majors, minors, programs and courses, given your interest. What core courses fit best with your career goals? Work them into your schedule.

- **What to do with a Biology degree**
  Do some Internet research at sites like [101+ things you can do with a degree in biology](#).

- **Interact with and learn from alumni**
  The department invites successful alums back for guest lectures and occasional Biology Career Night nights. Look for announcements.

- **Dream Job**
  What is your "dream job" after graduation? What are you passionate about? Talk to your faculty adviser and other mentors. As a Biology major, how can you use your remaining time at Fairfield to prepare for it through class work, internships, volunteer activities, summer jobs, leadership positions with clubs and organizations, and other relevant out of class experiences.

- **Get Your Hands Dirty**
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- **Come and hear from the experts**
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- **Look for students with similar interests**

- **Many related pursuits.**

  Talk to your faculty adviser about these potential options:
  
  Biology students interested in a career in the [health professions](#) can become part of a careful mentoring and advising process beginning in the first year (or whenever they decide to pursue a health professions career). A faculty adviser will guide each student in the selection of an appropriate course of study for a wide variety of careers in the health professions; review the academic standards applied by the various medical/professional schools, and the specific tests required by these schools; help students to identify internships, research, and volunteer opportunities; discuss a range of other important issues related to the world of the health professions; and organize program meetings.
where health care workers or professional school admissions officers present information. Here is the four-year course of study.

Many students majoring in biology follow the pre-med concentration and have become surgeons, family physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, and veterinarians. In addition to medicine and advanced study, career paths chosen by graduates of recent years include allied health fields such as Chiropractic, Epidemiology, Mortuary science, Nutrition, Medical lab technology, Optometry, Osteopathy, Physiotherapy, Physician assistants, Public health, and Podiatry.

There is no single "pre-health" major at the university. Students should explore all their interests regarding potential majors, there is no "best major" for a health professions program student. Freshman year, introduce yourself to the health professions adviser and pick up a copy of the Health Professions Handbook. They will sit down with you and discuss your plans or thoughts about a career in the health professions. Due to the number of required courses, your schedule is tight.

Also look at minors such as Program On the Environment.

- **Freshman housing option**
  Take a look at the WiSTEM (Women in Science, Technology, Science, and Mathematics) Living-Learning Community at Fairfield. This community is located on the third floor of Gonzaga Hall and is home to about thirty first-year student participants and two upper-class Resident Assistants. The mission of WiSTEM is to provide services and programming to women pursuing the STEM fields through a residential community which emphasizes connections with faculty, alumni, professionals, and peers in an effort to create a supportive environment where women can succeed at Fairfield University. The WiSTEM community enhances the educational experiences by providing academic development and leadership opportunities through its various services and programs.

- **Sigma Xi**
  Attend the annual Sigma Xi poster session, held in the Campus Center every spring. See the work of other Biology majors, and imagine how your work will be displayed in future years.

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, was founded in 1886 as an honor society for scientists and engineers. Headquartered in Research Triangle Park, N.C., it is an international research society whose programs and activities promote the health of the scientific enterprise and honor scientific achievement. There are more than 80,000 Sigma Xi members in about 500 chapters at colleges and universities, industrial research centers, and government laboratories. Each year the Society initiates nearly 5,000 new members. The Society is a diverse chapter-based organization dedicated to the advancement of science and engineering through outstanding programs and services delivered in a collegial and supportive environment. The mission of Sigma Xi is to enhance the health of the research enterprise, foster integrity in science and engineering, and promote the public's understanding of science for the purpose of improving the human condition. Vision: To be the global honor society of science and engineering. Contact: Dr. Jim Biardi, advisor. Ext.: 3465; E-mail: jbiardi@fairfield.edu
1B. Freshman Year, University wide

- **Hear From The Experts**
  Attend lectures on campus and hear from professionals and experts in your field of interest. Start with the Open VISIONS Forum and look for other events listed in the university calendar. In choosing FYE events to attend, include those most related to career interests.

- **Seek Out As Many Experiences As Possible**
  Not sure of a career path? Use extracurricular activities to help you expand, or narrow, your choices.

- **The Core: Start Exploring**
  Talk to your faculty adviser about how to choose core courses that will encourage you to explore new areas and supplement your areas of interest and career goals.

- **Showcase Your Material**
  Start collecting materials you put in a portfolio to market yourself and help show your experience. Create a blog or e-portfolio to both present the work (newspaper stories, poetry, well-crafted essays, videos) and to offer reflections on them. Contact CAS Associate Dean Aaron Perkus for help in creating an e-portfolio.

- **Discover your passion!**
  Take chances on different classes and majors. Find faculty members who can guide your journey here. Get plugged in and, along the way, discover what you are passionate about.

- **Summer Jobs**
  Work with your faculty adviser to discuss options for a summer job that could give you experience and add content to your resume.

- **Campus Clubs and Student Organizations**
  Invest your time in activities that give you experience in your field of interest and put you in touch with students who might have similar career interests.

- **Study Abroad**

- **Work, Work, Work**
  Look for a relevant job on or off campus to gain work experience. Consider volunteer opportunities, often tied to your academic interest, to give you experience and provide information on potential careers, especially with non-profit organizations. Looks for summer internships and jobs so you can apply classroom lessons to the professional world.

- **Living and Learning**
  Make plans for sophomore year to team up and network with other students who share your career interests.
Lead On
Look for chances to begin building your leadership skills. Take advantage of New Student Programs that bridge the classroom with the residence halls. Network with students in your residence hall who are enrolled in the same Cornerstone classes and participate in the First Year Experience (FYE) program. This will help you to make friends who share your passions and interests.

Preparing for graduate school, early
A large percentage of Fairfield students further their academic careers after four years at Fairfield. Fairfield’s pre-law program has a full-four year agenda of recommended activities. For freshman year, interested students should concentrate on attaining high grades in your University Core classes; develop good study habits; attend St. Robert Bellarmine Society Events; and follow the Pre-Law website for events and tips on applying to law school. Talk to your academic adviser about preparing for graduate school options.

Ask A Librarian
The DiMenna-Nyselius Library has resources to help you to discover, begin and manage your career. If you would like assistance in using any of these resources, contact a librarian.

Start Career Planning. Now
Make an appointment with the Career Planning Center (CPC) to meet with staff, talk about your goals and aspirations, and how to best utilize your next four years of college. Read about jobs in which you might be interested. Attend Career Fairs and ask employers what they are looking for in new hires. Look at the CPC's online Career Planning Advisor Videos and Research Tools.
2A. Sophomore Year, Biology Department

☐ More Advising
Use your faculty adviser and peer advising to choose the best courses, given your interest. Be prepared for your annual meetings. Look for unusual opportunities that could indirectly help a career in science.

☐ Research opportunities
Talk to your professor or department chair about opportunities for summer research as paid research assistants on campus, in NSF sponsored summer intern programs at other institutions throughout the country, or other opportunities as an upperclassman.

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☐ Organic practices, harvested crops
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☐ Keep Dreaming
What happens after Fairfield? What would be your "dream job" – and how do you get there? Talk to your faculty adviser and other mentors: How can you use your remaining time at Fairfield to prepare for it?

☐ Honors Programs
Qualified Biology students participate in the Honors Program at Fairfield University and, for students with an exceptional academic record of achievement, the opportunity to be elected to the country's premier honor society, Phi Beta Kappa.

☐ Internship
Talk to your faculty adviser and start planning now for potential internships. Think about "trying out" a career, gaining work experience, marketable skills, potential mentors and a competitive edge. Look for potential matches between an internship with your career.

Internships for biology majors have been established at St. Vincent's and Bridgeport hospitals; Hartford, Danbury, Norwalk, Waterbury and Stamford hospitals; The Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven; Fairfield County Rehabilitation Center; The Maritime Center in Norwalk; Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture School; Bridgeport Hydraulic Company; Stratford Conservation Commission; Connecticut Audubon Society; Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo; Earthplace; and the offices of various medical practitioners.
Line Up References
Start to look for 3+ professors in Biology and elsewhere who might serve as professional references for you. Discuss your future plans with them and ask for guidance. Stay in touch with them so they can speak about your successes in an informed way.

BASE Camp (Broadening Access to Science Education)
Looking ahead, BASE Camp projects offer upperclassmen an informative and fun week-long experience with actual scientific research, serving as counselors across all scientific disciplines at Fairfield. Projects change every year, allowing students to choose from a variety of topics. Look for the annual listing of summer events.

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Related interests
Interested in the Health professions at Fairfield? You can receive specific advice on how to best prepare yourself to become a strong applicant for admission to a health professions school. Each semester, in addition to regular program meetings with all other pre-health students, you'll meet one-on-one with the program advisor. Those strategy sessions will help you determine how to best to plan and carry out all of the components of building your application packet for graduate programs. The health professions advisor also works with the Career Planning Center to offer general and specific advice, to anyone on campus, concerning the many professional opportunities in the health sciences. In addition to the necessary science courses, internships and research opportunities, Fairfield also provides you with a strong background in the liberal arts that emphasizes the ethical and human side of medicine, through appropriate courses in the social sciences and humanities. This helps students to build a broad perspective on healthcare and its associated issues, such as patient's rights, health care policy and legislation, ethics, etc.

All of this serves to make Fairfield applicants stand out during the very competitive admissions process. Here is the four-year course of study. In sophomore year, you should be earning good grades in all your classes, especially the science classes. The best time for students to gain valuable experience within the health care setting is usually during the summer before the junior year. Make sure that you investigate various options for clinical exposure or research with the health professions advisor during the sophomore year so that you know what you will be doing for the summer.

2B. Sophomore year, University wide

Hear From The Best
Look for lectures on campus when professionals in your field come to speak and often meet with students.

Career Readiness
Want to get a jumpstart on your future? Sophomore Success is a series of casual dinners developed to help you figure out such questions as: Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter – do they really matter? Will my posts impact my future? How do I write a resume? How can I make myself stand out in the job market? Should I study abroad? How do I get an internship?
What about grad school? Should I do service? Have I really given enough thought to my major based on my career goals? Networking Skills? Business etiquette - what the heck is that? Students meet over dinner with Career Planning staffers and discuss topics. Look for sign-up information early in the year.

- **Yes, employers look at GPA**
  Keep your eye on the goal of academic excellence.

- **Leadership Skills**
  Consider a leadership role with a student club or organization to help give you leadership and management experience.

- **Service Learning Courses**
  Look for Fairfield courses that give you a chance to interact with the off-campus community, gain experience, and maybe pick up a resume credit.

- **The Study Abroad Fair**
  The Study Abroad Fair will give you tips to use in finalizing any travel plans for junior year. Talk to faculty and other students on how the experience could help further your career goals.

- **Build A Portfolio**
  Consider creating a blog or e-portfolio to collect materials that you can use to promote yourself in the future. Build a blog.

- **Relevant Summer Job**
  Talk to faculty and Career Planning to increase your chances of securing a summertime job (after sophomore year) that is related to your career goal, can give you some experience, and serve as a credit on your resume. Use Facebook and LinkedIn to present yourself to the world in a professional manner.

- **Career Planning**
  Don't wait! Make another appointment with a Career Planning Center counselor. Consider taking a "self-assessment inventory" test to help you get a better handle on where your strengths might be directing you. Update your resume. Look for workshops that can sharpen skills in writing resumes, networking, and mock interviewing. Register with Experience, Fairfield's online recruiting system, and get familiar with how it works. Students can search for jobs, internships, information on career fairs, and submit resumes to jobs and internships of interest.

- **More Career Planning**
  Attend Career Fairs and ask employers what they are looking for in new hires. Make an appointment with the Career Planning Center to meet with staff and talk about your goals and aspirations. Look at their online Career Planning Advisor Videos. Look at the Research Tools for Careers.
3A. Junior Year, Biology Department

☐ Supervised Research
Talk to favorite professors about possible supervised research projects you might do in your area of interest, in the summer or during the school year. On-campus summer housing is available. Take advantage of the Internet Resources for research, as recommended by the department.

☐ Teaching Practicum
Academically qualified junior and senior biology majors can earn academic credit and gain teaching experience by serving as teaching assistants in biology labs. See department chair for details.

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☐ Research Travel and Study Abroad
There are several Fairfield-run study abroad programs, in particular Study Abroad in Nicaragua and Study Abroad Brazil where biology students can go abroad and take Biology courses and not fall behind in their curriculum.

☐ Interact with and learn from alumni
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☐ Independent Studies
Interested in a research area but there is no course offered in the catalog? Talk to a faculty member or department chair about a possible independent study.

☐ CAS Awards
Biology has department awards for outstanding students every spring; they are honored at the College of Arts and Sciences award night in April. Attend the event and look for projects that might earn you this honor. With your faculty adviser, gain experience in entering such a competition and learn how to effectively package and present your work-and yourself. Non-seniors are often singled out for their great work.

☐ Internship Plans
Talk to your faculty adviser about the two internships for credit that are allowed at Fairfield. Remember that summer jobs, not for credit, can be just as useful in gaining experience and
building a resume. Also pay special attention to the large suite of paid summer internships offered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) at universities across the country. These are excellent opportunities for focused, driven students.

- **References**
  Look for three professors, in and out of the department, who can speak about your successes in an informed way.

- **Final Career Choices**
  How can you best use your remaining courses and free electives to both round out your education and prepare for a career? How about possible graduate school work in Biology ... or scholarships like a Fulbright Fellowship ... or Teach for America. Talk to your faculty adviser.

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- **Related programs**
  Fairfield has a long history of success in preparing students with a solid foundation for the health professions. Since 1951, more than 2,000 Fairfield alumni have earned degrees in medicine and dentistry and are practicing throughout the world. More than 500 others have opted for other specialties within the allied health professions. Fairfield students have been accepted at almost every medical school in the country including Yale, Harvard, Duke and Cornell. Career Options in Health include Public Health, Toxicology, nutrition, and many others.

  In junior year, you finish up some of the required courses. It is strongly recommended that you take at least one English course by this time. Most entrance exams including the MCAT have a verbal section. Scientific thinkers often do poorly on these sections. Therefore it is wise to balance your skills by taking humanities courses which will force you to do critical reading and lots of essay writing. Philosophy, Religion, English and History are good examples.

  Most students (excluding pre-meds) take their pre-professional admissions exams at the end of their junior year. Since these exams test your understanding of basic Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics it is imperative that you have completed your required courses by this time. The MCAT is given several times throughout the year, but it is recommended that you take it in late spring/early summer so that your application can be complete by June. Remember to request a letter of recommendation from the Health Professions Committee. The deadline for applications is April 1. The committee interviews each candidate, reviews their academic performance and votes whether or not to recommend that student. Students whose performance is not up to Fairfield's standards may not be recommended. If this happens, you may support your application with three letters from individual professors in lieu of a committee letter.

  NOTE: the summer Between Junior and Senior Years is usually a busy time. Now is the best time to fill out applications. This is more complicated than it sounds (will take you hours!) so allow plenty of time. Nearly all health professions schools have rolling admissions so it is to your advantage to get your applications in as soon as possible. However, it is most common for pre-medical students specifically to apply after senior year. Students who were not ready in the spring or who did poorly on spring entrance exams may elect to take them in the summer.

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3B. Junior Year, University wide

- **Shadowing**
  Fairfield is expanding its program for students to shadow alumni, where the student can take an inside look at a career, get an overview of a company or industry, explore individual career options and goals, and receive advice from a professional. Students in biology and psychology are among those who benefitted in the past. Contact Alumni Relations

- **Study Abroad**
  Use a Study Abroad trip to gain a cross-cultural perspective, move toward becoming a global citizen, and think more broadly about your studies and career possibilities.

- **Resumes**
  Continue to polish and hone your resume. What’s missing? How can you use your remaining time at Fairfield most effectively?

- **Working with professors**
  Talk to your academic adviser and other professors in your department about what else you can do to build on classroom learning.

- **Leadership**
  Gain management experience - and give something back - by taking as leadership position in a campus club or student organizations.

- **Networking**
  Begin networking by connecting with Alumni Career Services and its Fairfield Alumni Network (FAN) program. Look for relevant information in the Alumni Career Webinar Series, focusing on such issues as the job search and professional development. Look at the Fairfield Alumni groups on LinkedIn and join those that are relevant. Look at the Jobs Board and Internship Board.

- **RCADE workshops**
  These free, mini-courses can strengthen technical and computer skills. These days, to compete, you must be proficient in Excel, PowerPoint and Word, plus programs you might need for specialized jobs such as Photoshop and In Design. Beyond RCADE, how can you use any final elective courses to gain additional skills needed for your dream job?
- **Summer Jobs and Internships**
  Work with your professors to help find relevant summer jobs and internships that can give you more experience and add a credit to your resume.

- **Service Learning**
  To learn about paying careers with non-profit organizations, make room on your four-year course schedule for a Service Learning course.

- **Civic Engagement**
  As you add to your resume, what other opportunities can you choose to give you applied experience and civic engagement beyond the classroom? They might include summer jobs, internships, leadership roles in campus clubs, or mentoring other students. Work to become a leader and an explorer, through engagement with the broader community.

- **Hit The Library**
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- **Hear from the professionals**
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- **Leadership**
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- **Your Portfolio**
  Consider creating a blog or e-portfolio to collect materials that you can use to promote yourself in the future. ([Build a blog.](#))

- **Volunteer Opportunities**
  Look for a relevant job on campus to gain work experience. Consider volunteer opportunities, often tied to your academic interest, to give your experience and provide information on potential careers, especially with non-profit organizations.

- **Career Planning Counselor**
  Have a counselor review your updated resume to develop it further and add your summer activities. Upload your resume on Experience for summer internships. Practice interviewing techniques with Counselors and take advantage of Mock Interview opportunities with real employers. Attend workshops. Participate in the Career Fair so you can see what it is like, begin meeting employers and researching who you might want to work for.

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4A. Senior Year, Biology Department
Capstone Courses/ Independent Study Use the Capstone Course to integrate what you have learned and reflect upon how you have grown at Fairfield and where your path will lead you next. The course also is usually a chance to also sharpen research skills, strengthen any Portfolio, and make fresh connections among courses and experiences.

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Hear from the pros
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Final Internship
Use your final internship(s) to try out careers, sharpen your resume and cover letter, develop a portfolio, make contacts, and take classroom skills and apply to real world.

Line Up References
Finalize 3+ professors from Biology and elsewhere who might serve as professional references for you. Discuss your future plans with them and ask for guidance.

Grad School?
Talk to a favorite professor about possible graduate school work in Biology. Talk to favorite professors about possible research projects you might do with them. Many Biology graduates continue to Grad school for Masters and PhD, in schools such as Yale, Brown University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, New York University, Stony Brook.

Related programs
In Health Professions, your applications should be in and you will be watching the mail. You may have secondary applications to fill out but your real concern should be interviews. See Dr. Church for lists of commonly asked interview questions, or to schedule a mock interview to help you prepare for the BIG day! If you have finished all core and major requirements you
may take whatever classes interest you. This is a great opportunity to learn something special! Remember to keep your GPA up! As a rule, medical students should have at least a 3.5. If your GPA drops below 3.0 it is unlikely that you will be accepted into any American medical schools. Other programs have somewhat lower GPA requirements, but whatever your aspirations you should strive to stay above 3.0.

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**4B. Senior Year, University wide**

- **Final Work With Career Planning**
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- **Learn While Doing**
  Look for learning opportunities where you also gain useful experience. They might include internships, Service Learning courses, volunteer positions, and campus leadership roles. Become a leader of a campus organization or club and gain management experience.

- **Preparing for law school and graduate programs**
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- **Research**
  Look for opportunities to publicly present your research at academic conferences or on-campus poster sessions.
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