



GRADMAP

Creating Your Roadmap for Graduate School

A roadmap for your graduate studies shows the big picture of your graduate experience, including coursework and degree requirements, research and co-curricular activities, career experiences, and personal projects. Identifying what you will do—and when you will do it—helps you take ownership of your educational experience.

To create your roadmap, start by looking through your departmental handbook and website to make a list of the academic milestones that you need to complete for your program. Then, make a list of your personal and professional goals.

Academic Milestones

Personal and Professional Goals

Now you're ready to start filling out your roadmap! In the first column, list your timeline - which could be in either semesters or years, whatever works best for you and your program. Then, enter each academic milestone and personal/professional goals at the appropriate point in the timeline. Remember, this should be a high-level view that looks at a semester or a year at a time. We've filled out the first row as an example.

Timeline	Academic Milestones	Personal/Professional Goals
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Coursework</i>	<i>Join an outreach committee</i>

As you complete your roadmap, you will likely see places where you need to develop new skills. In the sections below, pinpoint areas in which you can grow and identify a campus resources to support you.

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