**CONSULTING**

**Life Design Lab**

**Academy Guide**

Consulting Academy participants are critical thinkers who help organizations in government, business, and nonprofit sectors solve problems creatively and to effect real change. Consulting firms hire from all academic backgrounds, including math, economics, international studies, engineering, and more. Connect with professionals from companies like Deloitte, The Advisory Board Company and KPMG to improve how our world works.

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**HOW CAREER ACADEMIES WORK**

Each academy has life design lab staffers dedicated to connecting students with top companies and industry-specific knowledge. They work with a community of employers, alumni, faculty and parents in the consulting industry who provide professional business insights and connections so you graduate “career ready” for your field. Choose this academy as a Career Interest in Handshake to get involved.

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**GET INVOLVED!**

- Undergraduate Consulting Club
- Graduate Consulting Club
- Johns Hopkins Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations (SCNO)
- NEST Strategies
- Alpha Kappa Psi

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**POSSIBLE FOUR-YEAR TIMELINE**

**FIRST YEAR SUGGESTIONS**

**Fall**

- Attend first-year Launch sessions and office hours with Life Design Lab staff
- Participate in consulting company sessions in September to learn about the industry
- Consider attending the Career Fair to meet consulting companies
- Consider registering for Introduction to Business, Oral Presentations or Professional Communication courses

**Spring**

- Apply for summer internships or shadowing opportunities
- Consider joining a Consulting Club or similar organization
- Use Handshake to find and apply to summer internships
- Participate in spring case competition
- Attend student consulting networking reception
SECOND YEAR

**Fall**
- Develop an internship-specific resume to show your skills
- Find internship opportunities on Handshake
- Find at least three interesting alumni on GoHopOnline for informational interviews
- Develop great interviewing skills through workshops with your department
- Consider registering for Economic Analysis or Organization Development Leadership

**Spring**
- Consider a leadership role in a student organization
- Participate in spring case competition
- Attend student consulting networking reception
- Build tech skills to set you apart: Coursera, EdX, Khan Academy and more offer coding and other courses

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JUNIOR YEAR

**Fall**
- Create (multiple) specific resumes that fit your ideal internships or companies
- Attend at least five employer information sessions, including large and small companies
- Apply for summer internships
- Attend case interviewing workshops and company-led sessions
- Participate in fall case competition

**Spring**
- Pursue a leadership role in a student group or organization
- Participate in spring case competition
- Attend student consulting networking reception
- Use LinkedIn to find and message alumni connections at firms where you’d like to apply

**Summer**
- Use Glassdoor to research about the culture and interview style of your top companies
- Develop a strategy for fall recruitment

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SENIOR YEAR

**Fall**
- Stay sharp: practice behavioral and case interviews with InterviewStream and Case Questions Interactive
- Finalize resume and apply for full-time jobs
- Participate in fall case competition

**Spring**
- Participate in case competition
- Attend student consulting networking reception
- Mentor freshmen

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
- Association of Internal Management Consultants
- Association of Management Consulting Firms
- International Council of Management Consulting Institutes
- Institute of Management Consultants USA
- Society of Professional Consultants

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