


Pathways to Graduate School Checklist

Welcome to the CASA! As a participant at CASA, we invite you to complete this Intake Screening and Planning Tool. The purpose is to think about where you are in your academic process and compare that with where you want to go over the next couple of years. Revisit this document frequently updating it as you complete the tasks outlined here.

	Academic Preparation	GRE Preparation	Writing Preparation	Research Preparation	Graduate School Application Preparation
Early Stage 	<input type="checkbox"/> View Preparing a CV Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Draft a CV, updating it as necessary <input type="checkbox"/> View “Researching and Applying to Graduate School.” <input type="checkbox"/> Work to achieve and/or maintain GPA of ≥ 3.5 <input type="checkbox"/> Join student organizations or Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain leadership roles in organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in courses relevant to your interests <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Study Abroad or Signature Learning Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> Learn about the GRE <input type="checkbox"/> Attend GRE Game Nights and study independently <input type="checkbox"/> Take Practice GRE exams <input type="checkbox"/> Look for other GRE preparation workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Take 1 st GRE exam by Sept. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Take additional GRE tests as needed	<input type="checkbox"/> View “Writing a Personal Statement” Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Write draft personal statement <input type="checkbox"/> Work through Advanced Writing Prep (cognitive & structural elements, finding your voice) <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in Critical Thinking through Writing Course or Writing Across the Curriculum Course <input type="checkbox"/> Consider enrollment in 4+1 program <input type="checkbox"/> Work with Writing Consultants at the writing center <input type="checkbox"/> Select writing sample for grad applications	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend “What is Research?” Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Explore alignment of interests with faculty <input type="checkbox"/> View “Writing a Literature Review” Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Seek Research Positions with Faculty of Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Find Summer Research Opportunities (SROP) <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for SROP <input type="checkbox"/> Become a Research Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Complete research <input type="checkbox"/> Consider a Senior Thesis Project	<input type="checkbox"/> View “Applying to Graduate School” Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Explore career paths & passions <input type="checkbox"/> Create a list of PhD programs <input type="checkbox"/> Review application Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize list of programs <input type="checkbox"/> View “Requesting Letters of Recommendation” <input type="checkbox"/> Consider faculty recommenders <input type="checkbox"/> Perfect & distribute personal statement to potential recommenders <input type="checkbox"/> Submit applications

Resources: Creating a personal statement https://mediaspace.gsu.edu/media/writing%20a%20personal%20statement%20casa%20narrated/1_ry1igcyo

Requesting letters of recommendation: https://mediaspace.gsu.edu/media/How%20Do%20I%20Ask-letters%20of%20recommendation%20CASA%202020%20narrated/1_aevlksg0

Writing Literature Reviews: https://mediaspace.gsu.edu/media/Writing%20literature%20reviews-%20CASA%20narrated/1_9sf7i6ci

Researching Graduate Schools: https://mediaspace.gsu.edu/media/Researching%20and%20Applying%20to%20Graduate%20School-%20CASA-%20narrated/1_8dh117h7