

Step by Step: The Graduation Project

Timeline

Freshmen Year

During the freshmen year, students will learn a variety of skills that will serve them later as they embark upon the Graduation Project:

- Introducing The Graduation Project
- Using and incorporating technology into assignments
- Evaluating sources
- Utilizing the research process
- Teambuilding
- Giving presentations

Sophomore Year

With a solid skill foundation created during the freshman year, students will continue building upon these during the sophomore year. They will enhance their skill base with the following activities:

- Reflective writing or journaling
- Impromptu presentations
- Continued career and interest exploration
- Interview techniques
- Resume and cover letter writing
- Expanded research assignments
- Collecting and organizing data into a portfolio format

Junior Year

After two years of skill development, students will put their knowledge to use in the junior year with:

- Job Shadowing
- Identifying a faculty advisor who will guide them through the Graduation Process
- Choosing an outside mentor
- Finalizing and submitting their topic and a letter of intent for approval
- Beginning to compile pieces for the Portfolio portion and Product
- Composing, drafting, revising, and finalizing the Paper portion of the Graduation Project

Senior Year

In their final year, students will add to their portfolio and complete the following:

- A product that shows tangible evidence of learning and correlates with the paper
- A presentation to a panel of judges that showcases the other three pieces of the Graduation Project-the Paper, Product and Portfolio