First Year - Employability Timeline

Employers look for students who develop a range of skills and experience in their first year

**September / October**
Find your feet on your course, but once you have you can take steps to enhance your employability through:

- Part time jobs
- Professional experience
- Volunteering
- Workshadowing

Search for opportunities on our JobShop

**November**
Develop your skills
Take on positions of responsibility

- Become a course rep
- Become a student ambassador

Follow us on social media
We advertise job opportunities and employer events
Read our blog

**December**
Research your career options
What skills do you need to develop?

Keep a record of everything you do
Employers want to know what skills you have developed

**January**
Start applying for summer opportunities and employer insight days

If you aren’t sure of what you want to do for a career, pop in to see us for some initial ideas

**February**
Attend summer and volunteering events
Check the Students’ Union website for details

**March**
Prepare for your second year placement search
Consider what you can do over the summer to improve your chances of success.
Attend employer networking events.

**April**
Apply for the Huddersfield Undergraduate Programme

**May/June**
Use the Careers Service over summer to find something to do to build experience and prepare for your placement hunt.
Prepare for psychometric tests if you want to apply for large employers next year.