If you are a **preprofessional student** (pre-med, pre-DO, pre-dental, pre-PA, pre-pharmacy, etc), first make an appointment with Dr. Joseph Nika, the pre-health advisor. Dr. Nika will give you a 4-year plan. Keep in mind that this plan does not include all of your degree requirements, but is Dr. Nika’s best estimate of what course background you need before you apply to a professional school. It is your responsibility to compare Dr. Nika’s plan to your degree audit and determine how his recommended courses will fill degree requirements for your major.

If you are **NOT** a preprofessional student, you will make your own course choices in your major. You may want to meet with a faculty member in your sophomore year and discuss upper division course choices appropriate for your career goal. You will also discuss 4-year plans in SCI-101 Student Orientation.

Review your **Degree Audit** in MyUNLV Student Center - Academics – Degree Audit, and click on Expand All. **READ IT CAREFULLY** until you are familiar with the computer program and your degree requirements. Print a copy of the audit.

Open a 4-year plan for your major (**2010-2012 catalog**) at [http://sciences.unlv.edu/advising/degreeworksheets](http://sciences.unlv.edu/advising/degreeworksheets). This provides a 4-year plan, but will need to be adjusted to your individual situation according to what math course you take in your first semester at UNLV.

Open the **course prerequisites** page in the UNLV on-line Catalog at [http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=206](http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=206)

Open a **Schedule Planner** template at [http://sciences.unlv.edu/advising/degreeworksheets.html](http://sciences.unlv.edu/advising/degreeworksheets.html) and save to your computer.

Using your degree audit, the 4-year plan aid and the course prerequisites, begin to design your 4-year schedule in the Schedule Planner. Make sure you begin with your FIRST semester at UNLV and account for each course required as shown in the degree audit. When you type the number of credits for each class into the planner, the program will automatically total the credits for each semester, and automatically total the credits for all semesters in the upper right-hand side of the Schedule Planner. You may want to eventually include any professional school interviews, placement tests required (math, English or chemistry), or standardized tests needed, such as the MCAT, DAT or GRE in your plan (include preparation semester and test semester).

Take copies of your degree audit and completed Schedule Planner to your Advisor and ask them to review it. Take updated copies with you to each meeting with your Advisor (and the Preprofessional or faculty advisor as needed). Continue to make changes to the Planner as needed until you graduate from UNLV. **IMPORTANT: Make sure you keep a backup copy of your Schedule Planner on a flash drive!!**