

Student Preparation Roadmap

A semester-by-semester plan for campus placement readiness

Share this roadmap with students at the start of their second year. The earlier they begin, the stronger their placement profile.

SEMESTER 3–4 · BUILD THE FOUNDATION

- Strengthen core subjects relevant to your branch
- Begin aptitude practice: quantitative, logical reasoning, verbal
- Take your first mock aptitude test to establish a baseline score
- Start a personal project or contribute to an open-source repo
- Clear all backlogs — active backlogs disqualify you from most drives

SEMESTER 5 · DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

- Choose a skill track: software development, data, core engineering, or management
- Complete at least one industry-recognised certification or course
- Practice 3–4 coding problems daily (for tech roles)
- Take part in college hackathons, case competitions, or technical fests
- Begin building your resume — have it reviewed by the placement cell
- Maintain CGPA above your target company's cutoff

SEMESTER 6 · GO DEEP ON PLACEMENT PREP

- Study company-specific patterns: aptitude difficulty, interview rounds, past questions
- Participate in every mock interview your placement cell organises
- Prepare structured answers: introduce yourself, strengths, career goals
- Practice group discussions — topic-based and case-based
- Have two portfolio projects you can explain end-to-end in an interview

SEMESTER 7 · PLACEMENT SEASON

- Register for drives through your placement cell — do not miss deadlines
- Attend every pre-placement talk offered by visiting companies
- Treat each drive as practice — even if it's not your first choice
- Do not ghost after accepting — it damages your college's recruiter relationships
- Stay in touch with your TPO after receiving an offer

TPO tip: Students who clear 70%+ of their aptitude tests have 4x the placement rate of those below 50%. Consistent practice matters more than last-minute cramming.

KEY METRICS TO TRACK

- Aptitude mock score trend — target 75th percentile in your batch
- Number of coding problems solved — target 150+ by placement season
- Current CGPA vs. target company cutoff
- Active backlogs — must be zero
- Number of completed mock interviews