**Student Success Map**

**B.A. in Art—Art Studio Option**
Department of Art and Art History

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**Essentials for Every Semester**

- Meet with your major advisor and consult Advisors in SSC 220 as needed for course selection strategies. Take courses in the proper sequence.
- Meet deadlines to register, pay fees, and apply for financial aid.
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (15–16 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.
- Check your Student Center prior to registration for registration holds and updating your personal info.
- Check your Student Center in the first two weeks of classes to confirm your class schedule and that all adds and drops have been processed as you expected.
- Check your Student Center after each semester for your grades and academic standing. If your GPA drops below a 2.0, consult an Advisor.

**Get Good Advice**

- Obtain your Major Academic Plan (MAP). It will enable you and your advisor to plan for each semester.
- Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Visit each of your instructors during their office hours. Make a point to get to know your professors. Talk with them about art and artists.
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- Go to Academic Advising for help.

**Take the Right Classes**

- Attend art exhibitions both on and in the larger Chico community. Attend the BFA/MFA Open Studios every semester.
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**Apply What You Learn**

- Explore different ways to be creative outside of your art classes. Join organizations like NCECA, California Art Education Association, and National Art Education Association.
- Attend art receptions and converse with the exhibiting artists. Join art related societies like the Society for Photographic Education.
- Explore Study Abroad opportunities. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Consider National Student Exchange.
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**Think Globally**

- Develop research skills for finding out more about artists and genres that interest you. Use national membership like those from the National Council on Education for Ceramic Arts to help.
- Select courses in GE that meet the diversity requirements (US Diversity and Global cultures).
- Apply for summer internships at your professional school.
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**Prepare for Life After Graduation**

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**FRESHMAN**

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**SOPHOMORE**

Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for help.

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**JUNIOR**

Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date. Ask your professors for honest critiques, and then listen to what they say.

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**SENIOR**

Confirm graduation progress with anEvaluator. Ask your professors what they are passionate about, as well as about their perceptions and learnings of the art world.

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**Private Sector**

- Gallery Curator
- Art Educator
- Art Director
- Artist

**Government**

- Smithsonian Museum Staff
- Documentaryian
- State and Local Art Councils

**Non-Profits**

- Art Administration
- Community Artist
- Grant Writing

**Other Careers**

- Art Workshop Facilitator
- Set Design
- Art Critic

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