After Graduation

Prepare for Life

Think Globally

Essentials for Every Semester

- Mandatory major advising is required prior to registration each semester.
- For general course selection, consult Advisers in SSC 220.
- Meet deadlines to register, pay fees, and apply for financial aid.
- Check your DPR. Are you on-track to meet requirements?
- 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.

FRESHMAN

Learn where to find and how to use campus resources such as the Student Learning Center, Health Center, Academic Advising, Wellness Center and your faculty advisor.

Visit each of your instructors during their office hours. Make a point to get to know your professors.

Obtain your Major Academic Plan (MAP). It will enable you and your advisor to plan for each semester.

If you need preparatory math and/or English courses, complete them in your first year.

Take GEOG 101 and GEOG 102. Begin lower division math (MATH 105) and science (BIOL 152) courses.

Consider an internship to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation. Volunteer at one of the Butte Creek or Big Chico Creek ecological reserves.

Join the Geography Club, visit the Student Activities Office and get involved with another club or organization—or start your own. Check out the Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO).

Read the Book in Common (BIC) and participate in BIC activities.

SOPHOMORE

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

Take GEOG 219 and GEOG 390.

Attend California Geographical Society Meeting. Seek internship at Geographic Information Center, public agency or private consultancy.

Consider a time management workshop in the Student Learning Center.

Use the Career Center to assess your interests, skills, and work values.

JUNIOR

Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.

Declare certificate or minor.

Run for Geography Club office. Review your cultural resumes.

Attend American Pacific Coast Geographers Meeting; Attend California GIS Conference.

Prepare to complete the last two years of your coursework.

Senior

Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator.

Complete a sufficient number of units each term (15–16 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.

Begin your Upper Division GE Pathway courses. Take GEDG 315

Finish all major requirements.

Take GRE or other appropriate exams. Apply for graduate/professional school.

Visit the Career Center to learn about career opportunities and résumé building. Attend a career fair on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.

Get Good Advice

Take the Right Classes

Apply What You Learn

Connect with Peers

Prepare for Life After Graduation

Graduation and Beyond

Private Sector
- Cartographer/Visualization Specialist
- Geospatial Analyst
- Environmental Consulting Firms
- Energy Industry
- Geospatial Database Administrator
- Waste Management
- Urban Forest Management

Government
- Planning Agencies
- Resource Management (USFS, BLM, DWR, NRCS, EPA, Air Quality)
- Tribal Environmental Protection
- Geospatial Information Scientist
- Geospatial Intelligence Agency (CIA, DOD)
- Parks and Recreation Mgr.
- Wetlands and Floodplain Mgr.
- Urban Forest Management

Non-Profits
- Conservation Land Trust (Nature Conservancy)
- Recycling
- Resource Management
- Parks and Recreation Mgr.

Other Careers
- K-12 Teaching
- Tourism
- Travel

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO