Student Success Map

B.A. in History—General History Option
Department of History

**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.
- Take at least two of the following three courses: HIST 101, 102, and 103.
- 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.
- Attend History public lectures and roundtables.
- Join the History Club.
- Read the Book in Common (BIC) and participate in BIC activities.
- Visit the Study Abroad Office.
- Select courses in GE that meet the diversity requirements (US Diversity and Global cultures).
- Consider a time management workshop in the Student Learning Center.
- Use the Career Center to assess your interests, skills, and work values.

**Sophomore**

- Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for help.
- Submit 290 paper to HFA Symposium.
- Consider an internship to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation.
- Join Phi Alpha Theta if you qualify.
- Apply to study abroad.
- Attend the career fair of the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta.

**Junior**

- Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.
- Begin your Upper Division GE Pathway courses.
- Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Present papers at the PAT Regional Conference.
- Participate in PAT and History Club events, run for officer position.
- Study abroad for one or two semesters.
- Internship in HIST 489.
- Attend the career fair of the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta.

**Senior**

- Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator.
- Take HIST 400 classes including HIST 490.
- Complete 300-level classes.
- Finish all major requirements.
- Present papers at HFA Symposium and PAT Regional Conference.
- Network with alumni, advisory boards, and other potential employers.
- Obtain letters of recommendation from faculty.
- Take GRE, LSAT, or other appropriate exams. Apply for graduate/professional school.
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**Graduation and Beyond**

**Private Sector**
- Public History Firms
- Private Schools

**Government**
- Secondary School Teacher
- Archivist and Librarian
- Diplomatic Service

**Non-Profits**
- Historical Preservation

**Other Careers**
- Law School
- Business School

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Get Good Advice

- Meet with your major advisor and consult Advisers in SSC 200 as needed for course selection strategies. Take courses in the proper sequence.
- 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 (35–66 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.

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- Think Globally
- Prepare for Life After Graduation

Essentials for Every Semester

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- Apply What You Learn
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Send inquiries to the Department of History, Trinity Hall 233, 400 W. First Street, Chico, CA 95929-0735, Phone: 530.898.5366, Email: hist@csuchico.edu, 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.