Student Success Map

B.A. in Natural Sciences
Department of Science Education

Essentials for Every Semester

- Meet with your major advisor and consult Advisors in SSC 290 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 (35–16 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.
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SOPHOMORE
Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for help.
Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
Consider a double major in Liberal Studies or another science discipline. Take NSCI 342, 343, 321 and PHYS 341. Complete your GE foundation classes.
Consider an internship to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation.
Take NSCI 489A and 489M - these courses provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation.

JUNIOR
Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.
Begin your Upper Division GE Pathway courses. Take courses in your area of specialization and electives in your major and beyond. If you are considering a credential program, begin your pre-credential courses.
Consider and apply for a summer internship or job-shadowing opportunity.
Review your involvement, leadership, and cultural resumes. Have you participated in on- or off-campus activities such as clubs, community service, recreational opportunities, musical, dramatic or cultural performances, lectures or forums?
Take the CSET, GRE, or other appropriate exams. Apply for credential programs or graduate/professional school.

SENIOR
Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator in the Academic Advising Center.
Take NSCI 490 and finish any other remaining requirements for your major and for graduation.
Complete an internship or part-time job in your desired field.
Network with alumni already in the credential program, a graduate program, or the "real world."

Get Good Advice

Think Globally

Prepare for Life After Graduation

Connect with Peers

Apply What You Learn

Take the Right Classes

Graduation and Beyond

Credential Program
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- Early High School

Informal Education
- National Parks
- Science Museums
- Environmental Camps

Public Understanding of Science
- Environmental Advocacy
- Governmental Science Advising
- Science Writing
- Develop Science Curriculum

Graduate School
- Environmental Law
- Masters in Public Health

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