Student Success Map

B.S. in Physics
Physics Department

**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 DPB. 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. Meet with the chair of the Physics Department.
- 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. Complete MATH 120 & 121. Take PHYS 204A.

**SOPHOMORE**
Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPB) 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 an internship to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation. Explore opportunities for research with faculty.
- Pursue internships through the Physics Department and/or the Career Center.

**JUNIOR**
- Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.
- 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? Consider a leadership position in SPS.
- Consider a time management workshop in the Student Learning Center. Use the Career Center to assess your interests, skills, and work values.
- 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.

**SENIOR**
- Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator.
- Finish all major requirements.
- Network with alumni, advisory boards, and other potential employers.
- Take GRE or other appropriate exams. Apply for graduate/professional school.

**Get Good Advice**
- 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.

**Take the Right Classes**
- Select courses in GE that meet the diversity requirements (US Diversity and Global cultures).
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**Apply What You Learn**
- Visit the Student Activities Office and get involved with a 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. Consider joining our Society for Physics Students (SPS). It serves as our contact point for all activities.
- Explore Study Abroad opportunities. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Consider National Student Exchange.

**Connect with Peers**
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**Think Globally**
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**Prepare for Life After Graduation**
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