Student Success Map

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 (35–36 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.
- Consider running for a leadership position in A.S. Government.
- Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.
- Begin your Upper Division GE Pathway courses.
- Finish all major requirements. Two 400 level courses are required. For the Spanish pre-credential SPAN 435 is required. In addition, SPAN 497 is required for all majors.
- Study for, and pass, the Spanish Exit Exam.
- Consider an internship to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation.
- Volunteer with the A.S. Sustainability Program, CAVE, or other services groups. Pursue independent research with faculty.
- Network with alumni, advisory boards, and other potential employers.
- Take GRE or other appropriate exams. Apply for graduate/professional school.

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. It is vital to your success.
- Obtain your Major/Minor/Pre-Credential Academic Plan (MAP). It will enable you and your advisor to plan for each semester.
- Declare your Major/Minor in Spanish as soon as possible.
- If you need preparatory math and/or English courses, complete them in your first year.
- Practice at the Spanish Conversation Hour and attend HFA Symposia.
- Read the Book in Common (BIC) and participate in BIC activities.
- Explore global scale issues and international careers.
- 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 or your program advisor for help.
- Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Consider running for a leadership position in A.S. Government.
- Explore Study Abroad opportunities. Attend an info session; they are offered every semester. Or consider National Student Exchange.
- Meet alumni and other employers for insights on careers.

Junior

- Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.
- Check dates in the Academic Calendar. Confirm with your major advisor that you are on track with meeting unit and course requirements.
- Take Upper Division option courses. Complete Writing Proficiency course.
- Join Phi Sigma Iota and/or Teatro y Poesía: Attend the Spanish Symposium and other professional events.

Senior

- Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator.
- Complete your Senior Project.
- Finish all major requirements. Two 400 level courses are required. For the Spanish pre-credential SPAN 435 is required. In addition, SPAN 497 is required for all majors.
- Study for, and pass, the Spanish Exit Exam.
- Network with alumni, advisory boards, and other potential employers.
- Take GRE or other appropriate exams. Apply for graduate/professional school.

Graduation and Beyond

- Private Sector:
  - Interpretation/Translation
  - Legal Professionals
  - Journalism
  - Business
- Government:
  - State & Local Agencies
  - Diplomatic Services
  - Social Services
- Non-Profits:
  - Community Resources
  - Land Conservation
  - Management
  - Recycling
- Other Careers:
  - Travel and Tourism
  - Linguistics
  - Nursing

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