Get Good Advice

- 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 DPN. Are you on-track to meet requirements?
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (35-45 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.

Take the Right Classes

- 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. Apply for scholarships, awards, and financial aid.
- 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 101) courses.
- Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Take GEOG 211 and GEOG 219.
- 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.
- Attend California Geographical Society Meeting. Seek internship at Geographic Information Center, local public agency, or private consultancy.
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Apply What You Learn

- Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for help.
- Declare certificate in GIS Technology or Rural and Town Planning, or minor.
- Begin your Upper Division GE Pathway courses. Take GEOG 390.
- Consider studying abroad. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester.
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Connect with Peers

- Visit the Sustainability Conference.
- Visit the Student Activities Office and get involved with a club or organization - or start your own. Check out the Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO).
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Prepare for Life After Graduation

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Graduation and Beyond

- Private Sector
  - Cartographer/Visualization Specialist
  - Geospatial Analyst
  - Planner/Consultant
  - Geospatial Database Mgr
  - Waste Management Administrator
  - Real Estate Analyst
  - Marketing Analyst
- Government
  - Land-use Planner
  - Development Director
  - Urban Housing Planner
  - Transportation Planner
  - US Census Administrator
  - Geographic Information Scientist
  - Parks and Recreation Mgr
  - Economic Development Mgr
- Non-Profits
  - Recycling Administrator
  - Housing Development Specialist
  - Food Systems Scientist
- Other Careers
  - K-12 Teacher
  - Tourism Director
  - Travel Agent

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