Student Success Map

B.A. in Geography—Option in Human Geography and Planning
Geography and Planning Department

Essentials for Every Semester

- Mandatory major advising is required prior to registration each semester.
- Meet deadlines to register, pay fees, and apply for financial aid.
- 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 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.
- 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, lower division math (MATH 105) and science (BIOL 10), and/or English courses, complete them in your first year.
- Take GEOG 211 and GEOG 219.
- Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Take GEOG 311 and GEOG 219.

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.
- Take GEOG 311 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.

Junior
Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.

- Declare certificate in GIS Technology or Rural and Town Planning, or minor.
- 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.
- Run for Geography Club Office.
- Attend the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers conference and the California GIS Conference.
- Study abroad.
- Visit the Career Center to learn about career opportunities and resume 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.
- 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 completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Take GEOG 390.
- Attend California Geographical Society Meeting. Seek internship at Geographic Information Center, local public agency, or private consultancy.
- Attend the Student Exchange Non-Profit meeting.
- Attend the Career Center to learn about career opportunities and resume building. Attend a career fair on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.

Get Good Advice

Think Globally

Prepare for Life After Graduation

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Student Exchange Non-Profit Meeting

- Visit the Sustainability Conference.
- Read the Book in Common (BIC) and participate in BIC activities.
- Join the Geography Club.
- Explore Study Abroad opportunities. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Or consider National Student Exchange.
- 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.