Graduation and Beyond

Community & Commercial Recreation & Tourism
- Recreation Coordinator/ Specialist
- Program Coordinator

Event Management
- Event Manager/Director
- Convention Services Manager

Recreation Therapy
- Recreation Therapist
- Rehabilitation Therapist

Resort & Lodging Management
- Sales Manager
- Front Office Manager
- Restaurant Manager

Parks & Natural Resources Management
- Park Ranger
- Environmental Interpreter/ Educator

California State University, Chico

Student Success Map
B.S. in Recreation Administration
Department of Recreation, Hospitality, and Parks Management

Essentials for Every Semester
- Meet with your major advisor and consult Advisors in SSC 220 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 (35–56 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.

Get Good Advice

Take the Right Classes

Apply What You Learn

Connect with Peers

Think Globally

Prepare for Life After Graduation

FRESHMAN
Learn where to find and how to use the Student Learning Center, Health Center, Academic Advising, Writing Center, and Wellness Center.
Get to know each of your instructors during their office hours. Attend freshman and summer orientation.
Introduce yourself to your RHPM advisor and declare your major.
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. Begin department core classes (RECR 200 and 201). Take study and life skills workshops.
Accumulate and document work experience hours and apply what you have learned in classes.
Visit the Student Activities Office and get involved with RHAPS or other clubs. Check out the Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO).
Read the Book in Common (BIC) and participate in BIC activities.
Select courses in GE that meet the diversity requirements (US Diversity and Global cultures). Get involved with CAVE and other initiatives outside of the department.
Consider a time management workshop in the Student Learning Center. Use the Career Center to assess your interests, skills, and work values. View the Job Announcement Service and explore opportunities in your option. Attend a career fair and a resume workshop, and begin e-portfolio.

SOPHOMORE
Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for GE guidance.
Visit your RHPM advisor to get advice about classes and long term goals.
Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
Visit your RHPM advisor to learn about your major classes and begin option core classes.
Sign up for Field School offerings and consider an internship to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation.
Explore Study Abroad opportunities. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Consider National Student Exchange.
Continue leadership in RHAPS and join a professional organization.

JUNIOR
Apply for graduation one year in advance of your graduating. Attend a career fair and a resume building. Attend a career fair on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.
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? Explore CAVE opportunities to gain experience. Interview fellow students and professionals about jobs and internships.
Consider a Study Abroad program. Look for opportunities on campus and elsewhere to learn about cultures other than your own. Follow local, national and international news.
Identify professional mentors. Seek further summer employment in option area. Continue to take part in Field School offerings and gain work experience in your related option. Secure and complete your internship.

SENIOR
Confirm graduation progress with a GE Evaluator and your RHPM advisor. Apply for commencement.
Finish all major requirements.
Complete your Upper Division GE Pathway courses. Take department capstone (RECR 400) and option capstone.
Continue to take part in Field School offerings. Get volunteer or paid work experience in your related option.
Network with alumni, advisory boards and other potential employers. Attend conferences in area of interest. Continue to take on leadership roles in organizations (especially RHAPS).
Continue following local, national and international news.
Take GRE or other appropriate exams.
Apply for graduate/professional school. Update resume. Begin searching job sites and interviewing. Update your portfolio.
Visit the Career Center to learn about career opportunities and professional school. Attend a career fair on campus. Consider completing an internship.

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