B.A. in Geography

Senior Exit Survey

1. Overall, I am very satisfied with my major.
2. I would recommend this department to others.
3. Overall, I am very satisfied with the instruction.
4. Overall, I am very satisfied with the advising.
5. Fieldwork is very important to this major.
6. Overall, many opportunities for field experiences.

Environmentally focused
The Department of Geography and Planning students lead the way on campus and in the community with sustainability projects. Students work with the City of Chico and Butte County officials to put Geography into community service practice.

Award winning students
Amy Lippus was 1st place winner in national digital cartography competition in 2014.
Student Activities and Accomplishments

Geography is a core academic discipline for promoting an understanding of the importance of places, patterns, and scale associated with human and physical phenomena and processes. Geographic knowledge is an important component of global and environmental literacy, provides a cornerstone for understanding on-going trends in global interdependence, and sets a solid foundation for understanding relationships between humans and their environment. The Geography and Planning Program provides a broad-based, liberal arts and sciences educational experience that requires students to acquire knowledge, synthesize information, integrate human-environment systems and cultivate critical thinking in a holistic context. These skills and critical thinking approaches are used in numerous internships. On average, we place 20 students per year in occupational training situations.

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<th>Type of Student Activities and Accomplishments In Last Five Years</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Approximate number of students</th>
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<td>Campus presentations</td>
<td>BSS Symposium, This Way to Sustainability</td>
<td>5-5/year</td>
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<td>Regional Conferences</td>
<td>CaliforniaGeographical Society (CGS; presentations, maps and GIS analysis and posters), Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, CaliforniaGIS Conference</td>
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<td>Attendance in National Conferences</td>
<td>ESRI Users Conference, American Association of Geographers Conference, National Association for Cartography and Information Systems</td>
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<td>Departmental Awards and Scholarships</td>
<td>Robert and Bobbi Christopherson Geosystems Award in Climate Change</td>
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<td>Dustin Granville Memorial Scholarship</td>
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<td>Cliffsellers Memorial Scholarship in Planning</td>
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<td>Geography and Planning Outstanding Student</td>
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<td>Award Competitions</td>
<td>Sarah Bergquist was finalist in on being a finalist in the Bizarre Map Challenge, 2010.</td>
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<td>Heidi Marie Ogle won California State University, Chico’s Outstanding Graduate Project, 2012-2013.</td>
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<td>Amy Lippus won the 2015 NGSIS Woodward Electronic Map Award.</td>
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<td>Cate Llanos won the International Map Industry Association’s Gold Award for Student/Best Electronic Map, 2014.</td>
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<td>Steve Granger won the 2016 CGS Digital Cartography Award</td>
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- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve
- City of Oroville
- City of Live Oak
- City of Paradise
- Chico Police Department
- Center for Economic Development
- Geographic Information Center
- AS Recycling
- Smithsonian Institution
- Green DOT Transportation Planning
- CA Department of Water Resources
Graduation Rates
CSU Chico and Geography comparison of average number of years to graduation for First Time Freshmen (FTF) and Junior Transfer Students (Trf).

2016-17 Graduation Rates
- First Time Freshman 4.25 yrs
- Transfer Students 2.25 yrs
Job Placement
Further Professionalization

Community Service Projects

- Little Chico Creek Arundo Mapping – City of Chico
- Tiny House Planning Codes – City of Chico
- Oak Way Community Garden – City of Chico
- Handlebar Housing Survey – City of Chico
- Climate Change Action Plan – City of Chico
- South of Campus Management Plan – City of Chico & Institute for Sustainable Development
- Climate Change Action Plan – Butte County Planning Office

Graduate School

- UC Santa Cruz
- CSU San Jose
- CSU Chico
- Montana State University
- Portland State University
- University of Washington

Job Placement

- Apple
- Google
- City of Chico Planning Department
- City of Corning Planning Department
- City of Susanville
- City of Yuba
- US Forest Service
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- CA Fish and Wildlife Service
- Cal Trans
- California Highway Patrol
- Green DOT Transportation
- Geographic Information Center
- Pacific Planning Associates
- Sonoma County Planning Department
- Ukiah Planning Department