

Student Success Map

B.A. in Economics
Department of Economics

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 (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** 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**.

FRESHMAN

Learn where to find and how to use campus resources such as the **Student Learning Center**, **Health Center**, **Academic Advising**, and **Wellness Center**. Meet with your faculty advisor, the chair of the Economics Department, and declare your major.

Visit each of your instructors during their office hours. Make a point to get to know your professors.

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. Finish ECON 102 & 103.

Join the CSU, Chico **Economics Club**, and like their **Facebook**. Participate in their professional activities, such as presentations and field trips, as well as their social activities.

Visit the **Student Activities Office** and get involved with a club or organization - or start your own. 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). Explore global-scale issues and international careers.

Consider a time management workshop in the **Student Learning Center**.

Use the **Career Center** to assess your interests, skills, and work values.

Go by the **Econ Department** to pick up a list of **careers** for econ grads & strategies to pursue them. Think about the type of career that you want after graduation.

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. Finish ECON 301 & 302.

Consider an **internship** to explore your major and build professional skills. Talk with your faculty advisor, the chair of the Economics Department, about how you can find internship opportunities.

Consider running for a leadership position in the **Econ Club**. If you volunteer on or off campus, be sure that you let the chair of the Econ Department know about these activities.



Find out about opportunities to study abroad for 1 or 2 semesters by visiting the **Study Abroad Office**. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Or consider **National Student Exchange**.

Think about the type of career that you want after graduation and what you need to do to get there. Use the **Career Center** to assess your interests, skills, work values, and to develop your resume. Become proficient with **Excel**.

JUNIOR

Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date. Discuss your major clearance form with the **chair of the Economics Department**. Be sure to let the chair know if you are planning to go to graduate school.

Begin your **Upper Division GE Pathway** courses. Take Upper Division Courses. If you are considering **honors in the major**, consult with the chair of the Economics Department.

Consider volunteering with the **Center for Economic Development (CED)**, the **City of Chico**, or other service groups. Ask your faculty advisor, the **chair of the Economics Department**, if these activities are suitable for internship credit.

Update your resume to reflect your involvement in leadership and cultural activities. Have you participated in on- or off-campus activities such as clubs, community service, recreational opportunities, musical, dramatic or cultural performances, lectures or forums?

Learn a **foreign language**.



Visit the **Career Center** to learn about **career opportunities** and résumé building. Attend a **career fair** on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters. Find an organization where you might want to begin your career after graduation; pursue an **internship** for the summer between your junior and senior year with your selected organization.

SENIOR

Confirm graduation progress with an **Evaluator** in Academic Advising and your faculty advisor, the **chair of the Economics Department**.

Take ECON 495 (econ capstone class), or ECON 499H (honors in the major), and finish all other **major requirements**. If you take honors in the major, you need to enroll in a 400 level elective in the fall, and talk with the professor of that class about your plans.

Pursue independent research with faculty.



Network with **alumni**, advisory boards, and other potential employers.

Improve your **foreign language** skills.

Take **GRE** or other appropriate exams. Apply for graduate/professional school. If you plan to get a job after graduation, use the web to learn about organizations before you interview with them.



Graduation and Beyond

Private Sector

- *Consulting Firms*
- *Banking & Finance*
- *Insurance*
- *Market Research Firms*
- *Lawyer*

Government

- *Federal and State Data Collection Agencies, such as the Employment Development Department.*
- *Federal agencies, such as the State Department and the CIA.*
- *Teaching*



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Get Good Advice

Take the Right Classes

Apply What You Learn

Connect with Peers

Think Globally

Prepare for Life After Graduation