

Student Success Map

B.A. in Geography - Option in Physical and Environmental Geography
Geography and Planning Department

Pre-Semester Checklist

Mandatory major advising is required prior to registration each semester.

For general course selection, consult Advisors in SSC 220.

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 information.

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

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduation & Beyond

Get Good Advice

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.

Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for help.

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

Declare a minor or certificate in Geospatial Technology or Land Use & Environmental Planning.

Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator.



Private Sector

- » Cartographer/Visualization Specialist
- » Geospatial Analyst
- » Environmental Consulting Firms
- » Energy Industry
- » Geospatial Database Administrator
- » Waste Management
- » Urban Forest Management

Take the Right Classes

Obtain your Major Academic Plan (MAP). It will help your advisor to plan for each semester. If you need prepatory math or English courses, complete them in your first year.

Take GEOG 101W and GEOG 102. Begin lower division math and science courses (MATH 105 & BIOL 152).



Take GEOG 211 and GEOG 219.

Begin your Upper Division GE Pathway courses.

Take GEOG 315 and GEOG 390W.

Finish all major requirements.

Government

- » Planning Agencies
- » Resource Management (USFS, BLM, DWR, NRCS, EPA, Air Quality)
- » Tribal Environmental Protection
- » Geographic Information Agency
- » Geospatial Intelligence Agency (CIA, DOD)
- » Parks and Recreation Management
- » Wetlands and Floodplain Management
- » Urban Forest Management

Apply What You Learn

Visit the Sustainability Conference.

Consider an internship to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation. Volunteer at the Butte Creek or Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserves.

Attend the [California Geographical Society](#) meeting. Seek an internship at the Geographic Information Center, a local public agency, or private consultancy.

Present a paper or poster at the California Geographical Society meeting. Volunteer at the ESRI User Conference; intern at the Geographic Information Center, GeoPlace, public agency or private consultancy.

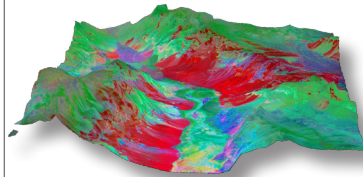
Non-Profits

- » Conservation Land Trust (Nature Conservancy)
- » Recycling
- » Resource Management
- » Parks and Recreation Management

Connect with Peers

Join the Geography Club, visit the Student Life and Leadership Office and get involved with another 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.



Run for an officer position in the Geography Club.

Have you participated in activities such as clubs, community service, or recreational opportunities?

Network with alumni, the advisory board and other potential employers.

Attend the [Association of Pacific Coast Geographers](#) meeting and/or the [California GIS Conference](#).

Other Careers

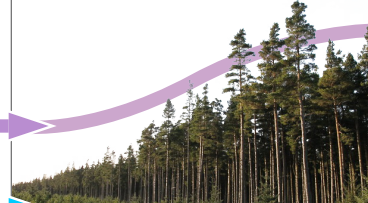
- » K-12 Teaching
- » Tourism
- » Travel

Think Globally

Select GE courses that meet the diversity requirements (US Diversity and Global Cultures).

Explore Study Abroad opportunities, or consider National Student Exchange. Attend an info meeting, offered every semester.

Consider studying abroad for a semester or year.



Are you considering graduate or professional school? Plan on taking the GRE or other appropriate exams.

Prepare for Life After Graduation

Consider a student skills workshop in the Student Learning Center.

Use the [Career Center](#) to assess your interests, skills, and work values.



Visit the Career Center to learn about career opportunities and resume building. Attend career fairs on campus, which are regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.



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