Graduate Student Success Plan

First Semester
☐ Develop tentative graduate course list with major professor. **Note:** 50% of classes at graduate level.

Second Semester
☐ Form graduate committee
☐ Hold committee meeting to review course work and research proposal (if applicable)
☐ Submit proposal to Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (if research involves humans or non-human vertebrates)

Link to the **Institutional Review Board** website
[http://www2.humboldt.edu/irb/](http://www2.humboldt.edu/irb/)

Link to the **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee** website
[http://www2.humboldt.edu/iacuc/](http://www2.humboldt.edu/iacuc/)

Second or Third Semester
☐ Apply for Advancement to Candidacy and Graduation. Admission to candidacy is an acknowledgement of a student’s potential to complete the requirements for the master’s degree.

Please refer to the Calendar of Activities & Deadlines for application for graduation deadlines.
Link to the Humboldt State Events website [http://www2.humboldt.edu/events/](http://www2.humboldt.edu/events/)

Fourth Semester (or last semester for programs requiring longer than 2 years)
☐ Complete coursework
☐ Complete university culminating experience (thesis, project or comprehensive exam)
☐ Submit final electronic document and approval form to Academic Programs

Deadlines:
Spring graduation – May 10th
Summer graduation – July 25th
Fall graduation – December 10th