

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/>

Link to the **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee** website

<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 Graduation Handbook for graduation deadlines.

Link to the Graduate Studies website:

<https://gradprograms.humboldt.edu/content/graduate-student-handbook>

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 to the HSU Digital Commons website (<https://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/>).