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University of Texas at El Paso
Department of Geological Sciences
Undergraduate Advising

1. **Degree Plan** – You get this from the College of Science. Bring a copy to your department advisor.

2. **Student Information Form** – Your department advisor will have you fill this out.

3. **Degree Flowchart** – Your department advisor will give this to you. It is a graphical description of the courses you need to take and the order you need to take them.

4. **Core Curriculum** – The required classes outside of the department will also be listed on your degree plan. Be careful of the details!

5. **Registration** – You **must** visit your department advisor during registration each semester to talk about your progress on your degree plan, select courses, have holds removed, and have forms signed.

6. **Semester Meetings** – The department advisors will organize a group meeting with all the majors and minors in the department every semester.

7. **Website** – http://www.geo.utep.edu/pub/hurtado/undergrad_www
   This site has tons of information on scholarships, internships, jobs, meetings etc. (see below) and is updated at least weekly. Check it often!

8. **Geology Club** – There is a department undergraduate club that you are welcome to be involved in. We host speakers, organizing field trips, and generally having a lot of fun! There are other clubs you can be a part of:
   • AAPG (American Association of Petroleum Geologists)
   • SGE (Sigma Gamma Epsilon honor society)
   • SEG (Society of Exploration Geophysicists)
   • SEM/SEG (Society of Mining Engineers/Society of Economic Geologists)

9. **Scholarships** – There is always "free money" in the form of scholarships available. Your department advisor can help you apply.

10. **Research Opportunities** – Course credit and funds are available for research. Your department advisor can help you get started.

11. **Internships** – Your department advisor can answer questions about careers and help you apply for summer internships and post-graduation jobs.

12. **Department Activities** – There are formal and informal field trips, the weekly seminar, research, Colloquium, and clubs. Get involved in the department! Welcome!