# UH Hilo Way Finder: A Four-Year Academic and Career Planning Guide

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| **Freshman Year** | **Academic Planning** | - Take applicable placement assessments for English, Math, Chemistry, and/or Language  
  - As a first semester, first time freshman, you will be given a guaranteed scheduled (FreGAS) based on your major, assessment results, and timeliness of your decision to attend UH Hilo  
  - Make sure you understand Financial Aid’s Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy  
  - Improve your study skills, using the different tutoring resources on campus  
  - Begin to explore the kind of campus programs you want to participate in | - Enroll in a University 101 course your first semester at UH Hilo  
  - Take a fun, fast career assessment used to identify personal interests, skills, and values  
  - Make and appointment with an Advising Center Advisor to discuss your identified career interests and ideas  
  - Begin to explore volunteer opportunities, summer jobs, internships, and on-campus positions  
  - Visit the Center for Global Education or National Student Exchange office to discuss plans of studying abroad | - Join a campus organization that interests you  
  - Continue completion of General Education requirements  
  - If decided about a major, declare it at the Office of the Registrar, and begin working with an Advisor in that major  
  - If undecided about a major, see a Career Advisor in the Advising Center  
  - Make sure you understand the Financial Aid implications of your academic decisions | - To insure timely progress toward graduation, declare your major by your Junior Year, if not earlier  
  - Pursue coursework in your major and finish general education and integrative requirements  
  - If you are a transfer student be sure to clear up transfer credit issues with the Admissions office  
  - Speak to a faculty advisor about specializations and current trends in the field  
  - Join any students organization affiliated with your academic department  
  - If eligible, apply for scholarships and other aid to help continue financing your education | - Complete all major coursework and any other graduation requirements  
  - Apply for graduation at the Office of the Registrar, 10 months before your graduation date  
  - Clear up any graduation discrepancies BEFORE your graduating semester  
  - Explore directed study, special project, or internship possibilities by your major department  
  - If applicable, complete application for graduate or professional study. Take required entrance exams | - Meet with a Career Advisor to discuss job search or graduate/professional school alternatives  
  - Update resume, have it reviewed by Career Advising staff  
  - Research organizations and jobs related to your field or interests  
  - Improve interview skills through mock interviews  
  - Prepare for and attend career fairs to meet employers  
  - Join UH Hilo’s Alumni Association for network benefits and opportunities |

**Career Planning**

- If applicable, be aware of deadline dates to apply for entrance exams and graduate school programs