

Tips for Surviving College

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Develop your expertise in learning!

1. Take control of your own education: think of yourself as a scholar.
2. Get to know your professors and staff members on campus; they are your greatest resource, and they care very much about your success and well-being in general.
3. Utilize Student Services to enhance your study skills, for career guidance, to improve your health, manage your time, to build a social network with other students, and much more.
4. Be assertive. Create your own support systems, and seek help when you realize you may need it. Do not presume to handle on your own all of the challenges that colleges presents to you. Help is all around you.
5. Take control of your time. Plan ahead to satisfy academic obligations and make room for everything else.
6. Stretch yourself: enroll in at least one course that really challenges you.
7. Make thoughtful decisions: don't take a course just to satisfy a requirement, and don't drop any course too quickly. Focus on enjoyment of the learning process.
8. Think beyond the moment: set goals for the semester, the year, your college career.

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