

# Proven Tips for Being Successful in College

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## MAINTAIN GOOD ATTENDANCE

Teachers pay attention to the level of involvement students demonstrate throughout the semester. These will be the same teachers you will turn to for letters of recommendation and you can't expect them to vouch for you if you've barely set foot in their classes. A large deal of college is about establishing connections and working on your abilities to network.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SCHOOL RESOURCES

Most students overlook the vast network of readily available resources colleges have and go through the semester on the bare minimum – attending classes alone. Make it a rule to frequent the campus libraries, tutoring and writing centers, computer labs and career centers for free, valuable information.

## STAY CONNECTED

Create a student account and check it regularly – this is your main source of important information. You should pay attention to the student handbook and visit the school website to ensure you don't miss anything. Important dates, deadlines and information are always posted there. Connect with other students in each of your classes and exchange numbers. This can assist you in joining study groups, clarifying information, or catching up after missing a class.

## SET REASONABLE GOALS

Try to set achievable and measureable goals each semester. This will keep you motivated, acting as a record of the progress you've made as well as helping you push yourself to continue setting and achieving goals. Don't overwhelm yourself with long-term goals, but do plan ahead and think about how you see yourself in the future both personally and professionally.

## TAKE AND REVIEW NOTES

Notes taken in class are not supposed to lie forgotten on your desk. They are your single most useful tool in figuring out the pattern of teaching of every professor, which in turn will give valuable information regarding exam formats, essay questions and extra credit assignments. Reviewing notes helps you retain up to 80% of the material without any additional research.

## PERFECT YOUR STUDY TECHNIQUES

Even successful students often need to revise their studying styles when they get to college. Ideally you want to find a specific system that works for you, but develop an approach that leads to the establishment of a routine. Consider joining a study group – peer pressure can be a great way to motivate oneself to get things done. Some colleges offer courses that can help you discover your learning style and build solid study habits – talk to your academic advisor for suggestions.