



College Freshman SURVIVAL TIPS

How to find success during your freshman year of college.



“ I use the time between classes to study and review notes. ”

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- **Use your syllabus to stay on top of assignments and due dates.** You won't get reminders!
- **Go to class.** You'll learn a lot by simply showing up.
- **Take good notes.** Use apps like Evernote, Dropbox and Asana.
- **Keep up with your reading.** Read a bit each day so you can enjoy some free time.
- **Meet with your professors** if you don't understand a concept or assignment.



“ Advisors at the career center helped me decide on a major I love! ”

MAKING A MAJOR DECISION

- **Seek help from the career center and your advisor** if you're unsure about your major.
- Along with core requirements, **take electives that are in your potential major.**
- **Join student organizations that relate to potential careers.** This will help you discover if the fit is right.



“ When I added up how much I spent at restaurants during my freshman year, it totaled over \$2,500! ”

MONEY MATTERS

- **Set a budget and stick to it.** Be especially careful with eating out – the cost adds up quickly.
- **Complete the [FAFSA](#) every year you're in college** to continue receiving financial aid – including student loans.
- **Keep looking for scholarships.** Resources include the financial aid office and free Internet sites.
- **Borrow only what you need in student loans.** Use loans only for tuition, housing, books and fees.
- **Estimate future student loan payments so you'll be prepared.** Keep track of your loans at NSLDS.ed.gov.

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