

# The Insider: 10 tips for college success

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Welcome to your first lesson of the year. It's called "How to Succeed in College."



## **No. 1: Find a faculty mentor or two**

College isn't exactly easy to navigate. There are classes to make, projects due and papers to write. Linking yourself to someone who has been there and done that will provide insight into what to expect and how to succeed.

## **No. 2: Socialize**

Getting involved in extracurricular activities will enable you to meet new people and build relationships that can last the rest of your life.

## **No. 3: Be serious**

Think of college as a job. Don't skip classes. Be on time. And forget about being paid.

## **No. 4: Stay full-time**

Consider taking one course above and beyond what's required for full-time status. Dropping below full-time status may affect certain things such as financial aid.

## **No. 5: Decide on a major early**

You've heard of the super senior who takes six years to get a four-year degree. Don't

be that guy. Visit career services and begin researching potential careers early on.

**No. 6: Reinvent yourself**

Were you the bad boy or the party girl in high school? Try being the college intellect! There's no better place to reset your image.

**No. 7: Study**

It pays off to actually learn the stuff being taught over the next few years. Ax those memorization tricks. College will truly make you a better person if you do.

**No. 8: Take a class outside of your major**

For years, you've been forced to take required courses. Now is your chance to put those elective courses to good use. Dance class, maybe?

**No. 9: Intern in your field**

Upon graduation, you are in competition with the experienced and inexperienced. Why not get a leg up on the competition?

**No. 10: Have fun**

Only a few escape the doldrums of a 9-to-5 job by striking it rich or being born into royalty. Use your time in college to relax a bit before life takes over. You'll know what I mean soon enough.

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