How to be Successful in College

10 simple things students can do to rock their education
#1 Know the College Lingo

- Academic Major/Program of Study
- Academic Standing (Good, Probation, Suspension)
- Adjunct Faculty
- Advisor
- Associates Degree vs. Certificate Program
- Blackboard
- Credit Hour
- Degree Works
- Full-time vs part-time student (time to graduation)
- GPA (Grade Point Average)
- Graduation Guide
- myCommNet
- Semester
- Syllabus
- Transcript (official vs unofficial)
- Withdraw vs Drop
#2 Know the Policies and Deadlines

- Read and know your syllabi for every class.
- Monitor your Tunxis email account regularly for announcements on important college dates, events, and deadlines.
- If you are considering withdrawing from a class, first talk to your professor, then talk to Financial Aid (if applicable), then see Records Dept.
- If you stop attending a class but do not withdraw, it will become an “F” on your transcript and financial aid will be impacted.
#3 Get to know your professors

- College faculty and staff can help you take the right classes to ensure timely graduation
- Visit during virtual office hours!
- Learn your teacher’s names!
- Faculty can also:
  - Connect you to college resources
  - Help you find an internship
  - Write letters of recommendation for transfer or jobs
  - Work to find a transfer destination
  - Help you decide on a major
#4 Attend Class

- Show up on time; be prepared to learn
- Think positive and leave negative thoughts behind
- Focus on the subject and knowledge you will gain
- You are not a house plant: just showing up will not ensure your success
#5 Be Engaged

- You must take responsibility and control of your own education
- Actively participate in class
- Do the assigned reading
- Complete all assignments
- Regularly review your class and textbook notes
- Explore further assignments to completely understand concepts
- Practice, practice, practice!
#6 Ask Questions

- It’s okay if you don’t know the answer or need further clarification: that is what college is all about!
- Odds are, if you have a question, someone in the class has the same questions
- If no one speaks up, then no one knows the answer!
#7 Form Study Groups

- Study for exams
- Work on homework
- Review/compare notes
- Work on projects and share ideas
- Meet new friends at the same time virtually
#8 Use the College Resources

- Math and English Labs
- Library
- Tutoring
- Mental Health Counseling
- UPass

- Computer Center
- Transfer Advising
- Career Advising
- Food Pantry
- Dress to Impress Clothing Donation Closet
#9 Stay Healthy

- Pay attention to your physical and mental well being
- Make sure you relax and take breaks
- Practice meditating or deep breathing
- Ask for help when you need it
- Try a Relaxation Session sponsored by the Advising and Counseling Center
#10 Learn to Manage your Time

- School is a full time job!
- Every hour in class = two to three hours of reading and homework
- Let your advisor know how many hours you work so you can balance work and school successfully
- Don’t forget your other commitments – family, friends, sports, clubs! There are only 168 hours in a week (and you should spend at least 50 sleeping!)
- Over-scheduled? Don’t wait until it is too late to seek help – use the resources early
### Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2017

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Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
“The difference between who you are and who you want to be is what you do.”