College Success Tips

BE PREPARED
1. Know your resources (Library, LRC, etc.)
2. Get to know who your future instructors are (ask friends and visit the instructor in his/her office).
3. Visit the bookstore early and review the required texts.
4. View your instructor’s website through the Cerritos College homepage
5. Be realistic about time commitments and priorities

STAY ON TOP OF IT
6. Keep up with the instructor’s syllabus
7. Set deadlines for yourself for essay drafts and thesis statements
8. Take notes during class discussion.
9. Take notes on the reading material as you read.
10. When possible, read ahead.

KEEP IN TOUCH
11. Form study groups.
12. Get used to asking questions in class.
13. Take advantage of office hours.
14. Call for missed assignments or trade phone numbers with another student in class.

MANAGE YOUR TIME
15. Schedule high priority activities for peak energy times.
16. Complete most difficult task first.
17. Study two hours for every hour you are in class.
18. Establish a regular study schedule.
19. Make a weekly schedule.
20. Create a semester calendar.
21. Don't waste odd minutes of waiting time; use them to study.
22. Schedule study time close to class time; review notes after class- if possible schedule classes with 1 hour break in between.
23. Study with a partner.
24. List and prioritize daily goals.