TOP TIPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

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Begin with the End in Mind

What is your why? Having a clear bigger picture in mind helps keep us motivated.

What are your academic goals for this semester? What are you doing TODAY to ensure that happens?



Sharpen & Share College Knowledge

"College Knowledge" refers to the insider information required to navigate getting ready for college, paying for college, applying, enrolling, & coping with challenges in college.

Sharpen your College Knowledge by:

- Ask questions
- Be proactive in seeking help
- Check your UNO email

Share your College Knowledge by:

- -Texting your friends when learn something important.
- -Helping younger students who have questions



Put First Things First

What are your top priories? Are you really putting them first? How can you tell?



Weekly Study Plan

Make a Study Plan, and Follow it!

Put your study time on your calendar and try to stick to this as much as possible. Be SPECIFIC. How will you study? What will you do during the time you've set aside to learn your course material.

Quiz = 2-3 study sessions (20-30 minutes each) Test = 4-5 study sessions (20-30 minutes each)		
Independently 1-2 sessions	Study Partner 1 session	Meet with Teacher 1 session
 Organize your notes & resources. Read your notes aloud and record yourself. Listen to them in the car, walking, etc. Use your notes to create a study tool like flashcards/ Quizlet/Kahoot/ tutorial video/study guide/practice test. 	 Use your created study tool and study with a reliable <u>partner</u>. Study partners are more effective than study groups. Avoid those hogs & logs! Meet before school, during lunch or after school. Even a phone call or Facetime works! 	 Meet with your teacher at least 2 days before an assessment and share your study tool to see if you have any gaps before assessment day! Make adjustments if necessary Meet with your teacher AFTER the assessment to review any errors from the assessment.

Check off the study strategies you will use:		
Passive Strategies (use sparingly)	Active Strategies (better)	Active Strategies with Feedback (best)
 Reread your text. Reread your notes. Highlight notes/text. Read study guide. Rewrite notes. Use learning resources like tutorial videos/Spark Notes/Khan Academy, etc. 	 Make your own study guide using your organized notes. Make study tools like flashcards/Quizlet Make a practice test Use the internet to search memory tricks (mnemonic devices) for content you are learning. 	 Quiz yourself using your created study tool like Quizlet/study guide/flash card. Make & take a practice test. Work with a reliable study partner to review, quiz and even teach each other. Meet with teacher for extra review.

Posttest Questions to ask yourself...

- What strategies worked best for you?
 - Did you spend enough time studying? Yes/No If not, what mo
- What are your plans for next time?
- If not, what more could you have done?

Use Your Resources

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

The Learning Resource Center is committed to the belief that students' successes and academic experiences are enhanced when they are empowered to cultivate the skills, strategies, and behaviors of confident, independent, lifelong learners. Our mission is to provide UNO's diverse student population with the tools needed for academic success.

"I'm glad UNO helps students who are struggling. It shows that they care and I appreciate it a lot!" -Student Review



Math Tutor Center Writing Center Online Tutoring Library Faculty Office Hours



The CircleIn app, in partnership with The University of New Orleans, provides an all-in-one studying application that equips students with tools for academic success, all while earning points that can turn into awesome rewards! Within CircleIn, you can communicate with your classmates, share helpful resources, create flashcards, stay organized, and more!

And did we mention you can earn a monthly gift card or even a scholarship just for studying?

To check out CircleIn and start earning rewards, go to app.circleinapp.com, or download CircleIn in your app store!

GET CIRCLEIN

Peer Support and Mentorship

A strong network of support:

- shares navigational insights and resources
- connects you to powerful information networks
- introduces you to engagement opportunities that enhances your success



Get Engaged

Students who are actively engaged in educationally purposeful experiences in & out of the classroom, are more likely to persist through graduation. How can you engage at UNO:

- Attend class and actively participate
- Student Organizations
- Student Government
- Service Learning
- Study Abroad
- Undergraduate Research



Right the Ship

When a sailor gets off track, he has to make adjustments to get the ship back on course. When you get off track, are you willing to make adjustments? It's ok to struggle, but we must be willing to change our approach.



What do you think?

What would you add to this list? What advice has helped you most in your academics? What do you still have questions about? What resources do you still need?

Questions?

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