TOP 10 TIPS TO GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION



Practice Time Management

Divide tasks into manageable chunks, prioritize them, and work systematically. Effective time management ensures you balance academics, extracurriculars, and personal life. Source: Harvard's Guide to Time Management

Attend Office Hours

Use professors' office hours for one-on-one discussions and guidance. It helps clarify complex topics and build rapport with educators, which could lead to mentorship opportunities. Source: UCLA's Guide to Office Hours

Engage in Real-World Applications

Seek internships, practical projects, or other opportunities to apply what you're learning. Real-world application enhances understanding and demonstrates the relevance of your education. Source: Harvard's Guide on Connecting Course Material to the Real World



Maintain a Healthy Balance

Balance academics with extracurricular activities, hobbies, and self-care. A holistic approach reduces stress, fosters well-being, and enhances personal development. Source: Harvard Student Spotlight on Work Life Balance

Develop Good Study Habits

Establish focused and distraction-free study routines, such as using the Pomodoro technique. Consistent study habits improve retention and productivity. Source: The Great Study Habits of MIT Students

Seek Help When Needed

Don't hesitate to ask for help from professors, tutors, or classmates when struggling. Addressing confusion early prevents knowledge gaps and fosters mastery of material. Source: *How to Ask for Help* (Harvard)

7 🔆

Cultivate Relationships with Educators

Build connections with professors and advisors. These relationships can offer mentorship, insights into subjects, and valuable recommendations for future opportunities. Source: West Point's Guide to Rapport Building



Participate Actively in Class

Engage in discussions, ask questions, and share insights. Active participation deepens understanding and creates a proactive learning environment. Source: Harvard's Study on Active Learning



Practice Financial Literacy

Learn to budget, save, and manage your finances. Understanding your financial situation and options (like FAFSA) ensures a stable foundation during and after college. Source: Harvard's Guide to Financial Literacy



Set Clear Goals

Define academic, personal, and career objectives. Clear goals provide direction, motivation, and a sense of purpose throughout your college journey. Source: Oregon State's Guide to Setting Goals

THE CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS Cook Library 138 • usm.edu/success • success@usm.edu • 601.266.6405