

STEPS FOR SURVIVAL

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REALIZE IS THAT YOU ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION.

ATTEND CLASSES
It will help you do well. Many instructors test on lecture material. Often they also explain difficult material more clearly than the text. Attending class is important.

There are many people who are willing to help you, but it is up to you to get everything done. If you want to talk over any problems or have any questions, please come to the Academic Advising Center.

DO WELL YOUR FIRST YEAR
Take an average load of twelve credit hours to see what it feels like. Doing well early prevents regrets later. Grades may not seem important at the beginning, but the first year lays the foundation for a successful college experience.

BUY ALL YOUR BOOKS
True, books can get expensive (cheaper used books are sometimes available to early birds from friends or other students). But, there is nothing like having your own text to underline and make notes in. Study tip: read the assignment before class and review the material after the lecture.

KEEP CURRENT
This, too, will help you do well. There are many pitfalls along the way to your degree, but many students concur that one of the roughest ones to get out of is the catch-up trench.

KNOW YOUR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Read the appropriate section of the Bulletin or Website, look at the requirements for potential major fields, and try some of the prerequisite courses. It is also a good idea to take some courses sequentially; the material in one leads right into the next. Plan more than one semester ahead.

KEEP OUTSIDE WORK TO A MINIMUM
Everybody needs money. But again, take it easy at first. Remember for every hour of class time, two hours of study time is appropriate. For example, 16 semester hours in class would mean 32 study hours.

SUMMER SEMESTER
Summer semester goes faster than a regular Spring or Fall semester. The semester is shorter and the classes are longer, so you should plan on taking fewer classes than you would in a Spring or Fall. Be careful not to fall behind; it may be over before you can catch up.

CHANGING MAJORS MEANS CHANGING REQUIREMENTS
This doesn't mean you shouldn't change majors. Just be aware of your new degree requirements. Sometimes changes require additional semesters of academic work to meet graduation requirements.

IF A PROBLEM DEVELOPS, SEE YOUR PROFESSOR
See your professor if you are having trouble understanding the material in class. All professors have fixed office hours required by the University and printed in the class syllabus. Most professors can make appointments for other times, too. Don't wait until the hour before the exam, though. You'll find most professors willing to assist. Other people who may be of assistance are your major advisor and the Academic Advising Center advisors.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION
A guaranteed way to avoid hassle is to priority register. Once you go through registration you'll understand. Your Friends may not be the best source of information as to which professor best suits your personality.

WITHDRAWAL IS AVAILABLE
It is possible to withdraw from a course when things are bleak and show no signs of improvement. Through the 45th day of a Spring or Fall or the 30th day of a Summer semester a processed withdrawal results in a grade of "W" recorded on your transcript. Permission to withdraw is not granted after these deadlines. Come to the Academic Advising Center to discuss the problem and obtain the necessary form. Temple limits students to a total of five withdrawals, and students may not withdraw from 40- or 50-level English or Mathematics 45 without withdrawing from all coursework taken that semester.

GET INVOLVED
College isn't made up of only academic pursuits. Everybody has extracurricular interests. Cultivate them. Employers look very favorably on involvement in school or community activities. They like "well-rounded" individuals.