



Introduction to College Preparedness

Course Syllabus

- College Expectations
- Academics
 - Workload
 - Study Habits and Skills
- Personal Management
 - Time management
 - Prioritizing tasks
- Budgeting
- Social Changes
- Conclusion

Goals

- Get exposed to practical skills and concepts that help make the college transition easier
- Review and learn practical study habits that set you up for success
- Learn how to plan your time, prioritize time, and budget your money
- Understand some of the social challenges students face as they enter college

College Expectations

- Self-lead education - you make sure you're taking the classes you need to graduate
- You do your reading outside of class
- You make appropriate time to study
- Leave your personal life at the door
- You get notes from classmates, not from the professor
- May have to work or take an internship with a full course load (12 credits)
- Fewer opportunities to make good grades (fewer exams and papers)
- Graduate in 4 years!

Why is it important to graduate in 4 years?

Recent NYT article: *Most College Students Don't Earn a Degree in 4 Years, Study Finds*

- “At most public universities, only 19 percent of full-time students earn a bachelor’s degree in four years”
- “Nationwide, only 50 of more than 580 public four-year institutions graduate a majority of their full-time students on time”
- “...it is costing students and their parents billions of extra dollars – \$15,933 more in cost of attendance for every extra year of a public two-year college and \$22,826 for every extra year at a public four-year college”

Link: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/02/education/most-college-students-dont-earn-degree-in-4-years-study-finds.html?_r=0

What are some of the reasons?

- Inability to register for required courses
- Credits lost in transfer
- Students taking too few credits per semester

Keep In Mind

- There are tons of resources on campus to help you
- Academic Services
 - Tutors for Math
 - Tutors for Writing/English
- Reach out to TAs for assistance if you need
- All students go through some form of struggle, but not everyone shows or talks about it

Thank You!

Register for the full course if you haven't already

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