

"The price of greatness is responsibility." -Sir Winston Churchill



1. Accept personal responsibility for your learning and success

- Don't be a zombie; take control of your life
- Being in control of your life is liberating and empowering
- Everything is possible, just make it so
- College is a new beginning
 - Fresh start
 - New challenges
 - New opportunities
- Stop blaming others
 - You are responsible for your decisions
 - You are responsible for your learning
 - You are responsible for your success
- Responsibility doesn't mean that you don't make mistakes; it means that you accept consequences for them
- Shortcuts will get you nowhere fast
- Take charge now and keep it up
 - Success doesn't happen overnight
 - Make responsibility part of your everyday life

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Info

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -Mark Twain

Ignore it at your own peril
Embrace to discover a new and exciting direction in your life

Your success depends on your acceptance of your personal responsibility for your learning and success

Bottom Line

"Do not train children to learning by force and harshness, but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each." -Plato

You can't be doing million things
Pick one or two and become the best

What do you want to do after you graduate?

- Who are you?
- Why are you doing what you're doing?
- What are your dreams?
- What is your purpose?
- What do you do best?
- What gets you excited?
- What gets you energized?

Find your passion



5. Discover and follow your passion

Enjoy life
Have fun

Follow your passion

"Our business in life is not to get ahead of others but to get ahead of ourselves - to break our own records, to outstrip our yesterdays by our today, to do our work with more force than ever before." -Stewart B. Johnson

Challenge yourself
Try new problems

Ask questions
Ask for help

Never stop learning

With each task, focus on improving performance

Get feedback on performance
Get into it to make it fun

Continuously improve

Personal

School and work

Family

Keep a balance

Take calculated risks

Deal with problems quickly and effectively

Learn from mistakes

Do your best

Share what you've learned

Respect others

Give back to others



4. Commit to lifelong learning & growth



STUDENT SUCCESS Map for College Freshmen

"In times of radical change, the learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves perfectly equipped for a world that no longer exists." -Eric Hoffer



2. Re-examine everything

- Great opportunity for a fresh start
- Same old you or improved you?
- What's working?
- What's not working?
- Always be comfortable with who you are
- Don't self-judge
- Evaluate actions, not self
- Mindset
 - Do you believe in yourself?
 - What do you find interesting?
 - What do you want out of college?
 - What do you want out of life?
- Skills
 - What are your strengths?
 - What are your weaknesses?
 - How are you managing your time?
 - Who are your friends?
- How are you learning?
 - How effective (grades)?
 - How efficient (time)?
 - Are you just *studying* or actually *learning*?
 - Who's in your personal learning network?

"Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody else expects of you. Never excuse yourself. Never pity yourself. Be a hard master of yourself - and be lenient to everybody else." -Henry Ward Beecher



3. Set goals and pursue them

- Begin with the end
 - Future goals drive what you do today
 - Take at least one small step everyday
- Be proactive
 - Things won't come to you; you have to go get them
 - Actively pursue your goals
- Measure progress toward goals
 - Where you were
 - Where you are
- Finish what you start
 - Be conscientious
 - Do a good job
 - Don't give up
- Update goals over time as priorities and resources change
 - Let goals evolve
 - Don't let unattainable goals hold you from larger goals