

Student Success Program South Campus

Twenty-four Ways to Succeed at BCC

1. **If you are attending classes full time**, try not to work more than 10-15 hours a week. Most students begin a downhill slide in the quality of learning beyond 15 hours. Don't be one of them.
2. **Attend classes**, actively participate, and meet with your professors individually if you need to. You'll learn more.
3. **Improve your writing**. If you need help, contact the Learning Resource Center in Building 72 Room 136.
4. **Visit Academic Advising and the Career Center**. Even if you think that you have chosen your major, the counselors can offer you valuable information about careers and about yourself.
5. **Take your health seriously**. How much sleep you get, what you eat, whether you exercise, and the kinds of decisions you make about drugs, alcohol, and sex all contribute to how well you feel. Get into the habit of being good to yourself and you'll be both a happier person and a more successful student.
6. **As soon as you have chosen your courses**, make a master weekly schedule showing all classes and responsibilities; then indicate specific time slots when you plan to study.
7. **Every evening, make a To-Do-list** of what you plan to accomplish the next day. Knowing firmly what you're going to do will help you do it.
8. **Assign a priority to each task** on your daily To-Do list, and do the most important tasks first.
9. **Review your lecture notes** soon after each lecture and fill in the missing words. Reviewing quickly will help you remember the lecture better.
10. **To avoid procrastination**, divide long-term study tasks into manageable subtasks that can be completed piece by piece.
11. **Use rhymes, jungles, or songs** – or other mnemonics – to memorize lists of unrelated words or terms.
12. **To review for exams**, write out a schedule that allows you to cover all the essential concepts.

13. **To study for exams** effectively, plan on several separate review sessions rather than one long marathon review.
14. **Before you answer an essay question** on an exam, jot down the key points you want to make.
15. **Go to class...and participate.** Professors test on what is discussed in class as well as grade in part on class attendance and participation. Don't abuse your new freedom. Being there is your responsibility.
16. **Learn what helpful resources BCC offers and where they are located.**
17. **Understand why you are in college.** Your college experience will be much more productive if you can identify specific goals you wish to accomplish.
18. **Set up a daily schedule and stick to it.** If you can't do it alone, find someone on campus to help.
19. **Assess and improve your study habits.** An integral part of your success in college involves assessing your own learning styles, taking better notes in class, reading more efficiently, and doing better on tests.
20. **Develop critical thinking skills.** Always challenge yourself. Ask why! Look for unusual solutions to ordinary problems and ordinary solutions to unusual problems.
21. **Make one or two close friends among your peers.** College represents a chance to form new and lasting ties with a great diversity of individuals.
22. **Remember that you are not alone.** Many other new students are facing the same uncertainties as you are. Find strength in numbers.
23. **Try to have realistic expectations.** At first you may not make the grades you made in high school. Improvement comes with new skills and practice. **Need help? See an Academic Advisor.**
24. **Get involved in campus activities.** Want to know what your options are? Visit the Student Government office located in Building. 68 Room 249 for details about clubs and organizations and campus events.

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