

Action Plan for First Generation Students

FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester

- Fill out PEGASUS Membership application at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/advising/pegasus/students/index.php>
- Attend FGC information session during your New Student Orientation
- Attend the PEGASUS Program’s Fall Welcoming Event—take a close look at the event calendar so that you can plan early
- Schedule an appointment to meet with your FGC Academic Advisor in the Advising Center at Texas Tech (ACTT)—come with questions, ask about how many hours might be too many
- Once you are on campus, take a walk around! Get to know the layout of campus, where your classroom buildings are, and other important places so that you will not be lost when classes start
- Establish positive relationships with roommates and other students in your residence hall
- Attend DISCOVERY!: Academic Physical Workshop
- Attend at least 2 PEGASUS POWER Sessions—read through the topics carefully so that you can choose the ones most helpful for you
- Develop your personal goals and share them with family so that they have the opportunity to understand your college experiences
- Get a planner/calendar and use it!
- Research the different student organizations that you may be of interest in joining
- Introduce yourself to one classmate and exchange contact information
- Introduce yourself to your professor
- Sit in the first third of the class
- Join and/or start a study group
- Visit the Counseling Center—this is a great place to visit if you are experiencing home sickness or if you are having difficulties adjusting to college life)
- Visit with both your Academic Advisor and your FGC Advisor at midterm to discuss progress
- Visit the PASS (Programs for Academic Support Services) Learning Center for free tutoring—this is a great resource for students to utilize even if classes are going well
- Schedule “study time” in your planner to prepare for finals ahead of time—utilize your study group
- Make an appointment to meet with your professors so that you can accurately prepare for finals
- Visit with your Academic Advisor to discuss course for next semester
- Enjoy your Winter Break—rest, visit with family, or read a novel; these will be different for everyone, but engage in the activities that help you relax so that you come back next semester happy and well-rested.

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Second Semester

- Look over the PEGASUS Spring Events calendar so that you can plan ahead—decide which POWER Sessions you plan to attend and make sure you have time in your schedule for the fun events as well
- Join one of the student organizations you researched during your first semester
- Review prior semester’s grades with your FGC Academic Advisor—again, come with questions; ask about the policies/consequences of dropping a class
- Check GPA for admissions to another college if you are contemplating transferring schools at the end of the semester
- Visit the Career Center for more exploration and investigation into possible academic majors
- Join and/or start a study group
- Visit the PASS Learning Center for free tutoring
- Prepare for Spring Break—work ahead in your classes so that you are not overwhelmed upon returning from the break, and practice safe travel during the break
- Return from Spring Break rested and prepare a list of questions for your advisor concerning majors and/or areas of interest
- Visit with your FGC Academic Advisor at midterm to discuss your progress—also, explore the possibility of becoming a PEGASUS Mentor during the summer if you plan to stay in Lubbock, or during the fall when you come back from the summer break
- Schedule “study time” in your planner to prepare for finals ahead of time
- Visit with your Academic Advisor to discuss performance and plan for next semester
- Begin exploring your best fit major—utilize the resources given to you at the Career Center

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SOPHOMORE YEAR

First Semester

- Welcome back to Texas Tech, you are continuing to make history!
- Join a student organization that is specific to your major—which will help you achieve your academic goals
- Make an appointment to meet with all your professors during the first couple of weeks of school—this will set you ahead of the rest of the class and will work to your advantage when you need a recommendation letter or other help from a professor
- Maintain a positive attitude toward your academic abilities—you are the first in your family to go to college and you are continuing to make them proud

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Second Semester

- Now that you are getting further into your college career it is important to remember that school comes first—at this point some students begin to let student organizations, friends, employment, and/or other responsibilities get in the way of maintaining successful progress toward a degree... Don't let this happen to you!
- Make an appointment to meet with your academic advisor to discuss a degree plan
- Make an appointment to meet with your FGC Advisor to discuss your academic and personal progress
- File a Degree Plan for graduation
- Maintain a positive rapport with your professors
- Explore summer employment, internship, and volunteer opportunities—especially those which pertain to your major or future career field
- Meet with a Career Counselor at the Career Center to assist with the internship search—also make sure to come in with questions, ask about ALL possible options you could take for a future career path
- Remain confident in your potential to succeed—you can and you will!

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