



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Support Operations *for* Academic Retention

WELCOME, TO COLLEGE.

SUMMER BREAK

- *Enjoy it, but don't slack off. You have summer reading; don't start off your college experience by procrastinating.*
- *Pack your stuff before the day you leave home. At the very least, make a list throughout the summer.*
- *Don't make huge, life altering decisions. College is a major step, try not to complicate things.*

MOVE IN

- *You do not need to bring everything you own. You will not have anywhere to put it all.*
- *Bet on everyone else moving in on the last day; you shouldn't.*
- *Explore! Weave your way through the hallways, find out where you will eat and meet your Resident Assistant.*
- *West Texas is known for crazy weather, ask anyone who has lived here for a month, so you'll need to be prepared. Bring a coat, even if it is August, you never know.*

SUCCESS: YOURS FOR THE TAKING

Time Management

Make a schedule and keep to it. You have to consciously build time in for studying and for social activity.

Test Taking

Preparation is key. Find the techniques that work for you now. What worked in High School will *not* work here.

Involvement

Getting to know people can have positive and negative effects. People can take up your time, but they can also help make your college experience more enjoyable. Find a balance and be sure you remember why you are here — Education.

Consistency

It may sound like a simple task, but chaos abounds in college life. By putting your keys and phone in the same place and preparing your book-bag before going to bed you have less to worry about when your alarm doesn't go off on time and you have 3.4 minutes to traverse campus.

Class

Go. Being in class is one of the most important things a new students can do. Some instructors do not require attendance, go anyway.

Assignments

Getting an education is your job. Showing up is the only way you will get paid. Same thing applies for doing your work. Do it well and on time.

Resources

You pay tuition and fees for programs that will help you succeed. Take full advantage of them. Odds are, if you have a problem, you aren't the first and someone else has gone through it. Asking someone can mean the difference between a C or an A. The Learning Center has Mentors available who are armed with such advice. For availability see the website: www.lc.soar.ttu.edu

DAY ONE

- Figure out where your classes are BEFORE the first day.
- Sit in front, this is no longer High School, the back is not where the *cool* kids sit.
- Write things down. The syllabus is important and what they talk about is even more so.
- Some professors lecture the first day, be prepared.
- BE ON TIME!!

PROFESSORS

- Go visit your instructors during their office hours.
- Listen closely and show respect. They teach because they love their job, not for the paycheck.
- If you promise something, fulfill it. This includes keeping arranged appointments.
- Build a rapport with your instructor. Who better to be on good terms with than the person who determines your grade?