

Student Success Tips

Although there is no perfect solution for student success, if you practice the following, your chances for success will greatly increase:

- Show up for class on time and prepared – it sounds simple, but most students don't realize how much they miss from not going to just one class, being late for class and/or just not being prepared.
- If you are going to miss class, email your professor in advance of missing class. This way they know why you aren't there and don't have to guess or make assumptions.
- Participate in class – most professors give class credit for participation in class; look and act engaged, speak loud and proud.
- Visit professors during their office hours. This is built-in time from your professors for you. Go to their office and ask them questions you may have or just simply stop to talk with them and build a rapport. Get to know them and let them get to know you.
- Take notes during class – this will assist you in remembering the material when you are studying.
- Unless you are expecting a very important phone call or text message – place your phone somewhere you won't get easily distracted or have easy access to it. Whatever it is, it can wait until class is over.
- Time management – learn how to maximize the use of your time.
- Develop a routine – class schedules may vary from day to day, but your routine shouldn't. Develop a daily routine and you will feel more at ease and better about what you need to complete daily.
- Write everything in a daily planner – this will keep you organized and aware of what assignments are due and when they are due. Look at your planner daily.
- Get plenty of rest – you need to experience as much as you can but remember rest is very important too. There is plenty of time for fun if you manage your time wisely.
- Find a good stress reliever for you – college can be very stressful at times. You need to have an outlet to release some of that tension.
- Get involved with activities on campus – try things outside your comfort zone. New experiences are what college life is all about.
- Try to make good healthy choices – sometimes we don't make the best choices but learning from those mistakes can be very valuable lessons. It's very important not to repeatedly make poor or unhealthy choices.

There are plenty of resources at Davis & Elkins College to assist you through anything you may experience while you are here attending college – illness, emotional issues, death in the family, academic concerns, financial concerns or if you just need someone to talk to. All you have to do is let someone know so we may provide you the services you need.

Listed below are some additional services offered to our students to assist with their academic success. These services are at no additional cost.

FND 103 – Academic Skills, a one credit course designed to strengthen students’ academic skills and promote positive academic behaviors.

FND 105 – Structured Academic Support, a one credit course that provides student one-on-one weekly meetings with Academic Support Services staff. This course is designed to help students sustain the academic and personal skills necessary for success in college.

Drop-in Tutoring – This support allows students to meet with The Naylor Learning Center tutors for their academic courses in a small group setting.

Individual Tutoring – This support allows students to meet with The Naylor Learning Center tutors one-on-one for tutoring support for their academic courses.