



College Preparation Toolkit

Words of Wisdom

Advice to New Students

- Learn as much as you can from all of your classes:
- Think about how what you are studying in one class relates to what you are learning in your other classes.
- Ask yourself how what you learn in each of your classes may be useful to you later on.
- Get involved with activities and research outside of the classroom.
- Study abroad and/or take advantage of MSU's international experiences.
- Go to class and keep up with your studies.
- Keep an open mind.
- Manage your time wisely; use a planner.
- Go to faculty office hours.
- Learn the bus routes.
- Learn to manage your money.
- Work hard, but have fun.

Strategies for Success

- Attend your classes and participate every day.
- Study.
- Ask questions; ask for help if you need it.
- Talk to your professors; go to your professors' office hours.

Time Management Helpful Hints

- Use your planner.
- Recognize how much time you need to spend on classwork, activities, work, etc.
- Recognize how much time you have to do certain things.
- Is your "free time" really free?
- Use free time to catch up on class work.
- Look ahead to see what reading assignments/homework is due at the end of the week.
- Leave time during the day for yourself.
- Weekends...don't let them get away from you,
plan to do some school work:
 - If you've got most of the day on Friday free, use it to get caught up with class work. You always have Friday night to socialize.
 - 6:00 pm on a Sunday night is not a good time to start your homework.
- Make a list of To Do's.
 - Either daily, weekly, or both.
- Procrastination ...don't do it!
It is easier to get ahead than to catch up!
- Be flexible.
- Don't fall apart if you don't get everything done or your schedule changes.
- Take a mental inventory at the beginning of the day.
- What do you have to do?
- Plan accordingly.
- Pack your backpack/bag the night before.
- Set weekly goals and reward yourself when you reach them.
- Use an alarm clock.