

# Tips to Becoming a Successful Student at BMCC!



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## 1. Be Confident!

Most students' attitude towards a class determines their success in the class. Have a spirit of conquering the class and enter the class with confidence of succeeding! This may be a little harder with a class you don't like, but still keep your spirits high and do what you need to do to keep it that way!

## 2. Take Notes!

As college students, there are plenty things that take place in your mind. Therefore, it's important to take notes during class to keep your thoughts organized! Taking notes in classes, meetings, and appointments with your counselor can help you remember the information and feel less stressed.

### **3. Organize your time!**

Organize each goal to the level of importance it has, and make the priority list that way. Take time for yourself as well - go for a walk, work out, or listen to some music. Remember, taking care of yourself is a priority!

### **4. Get involved!**

It is statistically shown that college students who are involved in any extracurricular activities are more likely to be better students. At College Discovery, there are a variety of student clubs, such as CDer's club and Chi Alpha Epsilon, the National Honor Society!

### **5. No procrastination!**

Setting time to complete one task will allow you to focus on different tasks and accomplish more! By waiting till the last minute to do your work, you will be rushed which can hinder your performance. Therefore, by setting time for a project, paper, or studying a little each day, you can accomplish many tasks at once, with little stress. Use your BMCC planner to help you!

### **6. Intern or volunteer!**

Apply what you learn in college in a work environment! This is the best way to determine if you really enjoy what you're learning, and can see if this is the right career for you. Refer to the first edition of the ED-Pass, the CD newsletter at BMCC, for helpful websites (see the CD website for a copy).

### **7. Communicate!**

Develop a constant communication with your professors and classmates. Communicate with your professor so that they will know you personally to discover your academic strengths and weaknesses. If your professor knows you, they will be more likely to write you a letter of recommendation! Communicating with your classmates is helpful in networking and sharing internship or job opportunities.

## 8. STUDY!

Set time to study, and make sure that time is when it is best for you. Make sure you have a clear mind that is free from distractions. Remember to take breaks when you study to allow your mind to stay balanced. Also, if you feel like you need support in studying for a specific topic, think about starting a study group!

## 9. Know your limit!

Do not sign up for too many classes/events/clubs all at the same time, otherwise you feel swamped with work! Make sure to keep your balance of schoolwork, jobs, and clubs. When things do get stressful, or you just need to talk it out, make an appointment with your counselor!

## 10. Becoming a college student isn't just about good grades, it is about your mindset and applying yourself.

To put it simply, you get what you put out. If you study hard, you will get a good grad on your test. If you talk with your professor frequently, you will get a letter of recommendation from them. Applying your positive mindset will help you become a successful student overall!



## **Helpful Websites**

<http://www.wikihow.com/Be-a-Successful-College-Student>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91lhzuGZaI>