Quick Tips for Academic Success

1. **Come up with a study plan:** Discover if you are an auditory, visual, or kinesthetic learner. Utilize strategies that have worked for you in the past. Ask your professor for feedback on your plan.

2. **Prepare for class:** The syllabus is the first step to understanding the purpose and goals of the class. Take a look at the material to be covered. Read or skim the chapter before class.

3. **Be engaged during class:** Participate, stay awake, take good notes, think through the material being presented, and make note of material this is unclear or confusing.

4. **Review notes frequently:** Starting the first week of class, begin to set aside blocks of time during the day to review lecture material. Minutes a week of review can help you to avoid hours of trying to relearn forgotten material right before a test.

5. **Meet with professors:** Let them see you as a motivated student. Give them the opportunity to see what you know and what you can do. Ask questions, seek clarification, ask for study tips.

6. **Stay motivated:** Set goals for yourself and always keep them in mind. Reward yourself for study goals met. This will also help eliminate procrastination.

7. **Develop a time management system:** Use your course syllabi to record dates of exams and papers due for each class. Break large assignments into smaller ones. Set hourly, daily, and weekly goals for studying.

8. **Learn from your mistakes:** Review precious exams, quizzes, and homework assignments to discover what material you need to focus more on and learn how to fix your mistakes.

9. **Ask for help:** Seek assistance when you don’t understand something. You can form study groups with your peers, go to office hours, or utilize other campus resources such as tutoring.

10. **Stay Positive:** Be confident in your abilities and try to relax. Post positive and encouraging messages in your work space.