10 TIPS YOU NEED TO SURVIVE COLLEGE*

1. **No back-to-back classes!**
   If you haven't already registered, **try NOT to schedule back-to-back classes and try to have a balanced schedule of MAJOR prep classes and GENERAL EDUCATION classes.** Back-to-back classes and too many major prep classes in one semester will wear you out! Furthermore, the best times to study are right-before and right-after class.

2. **Begin the first day of class**
   Know what's expected of you. Take notes from the first day even if it's routine stuff you think you already know.

3. **Establish a routine time to study for each class**
   For every hour you spend in class, you will probably need to study 2 hours outside class. Studying for each subject should be at the same time, same place, if possible. Study includes more than just doing your homework. You will need to go over your notes from class, by labeling, editing, and making sure you understand them. Review your syllabus daily to see where you are going and where you have been. Be sure to do reading assignments. (Don't put them off just because there's not a written assignment.) Read ahead whenever possible. Prepare for each class as if there will be a pop quiz.

4. **Establish a place to study**
   Your place should have a desk, comfortable chair, good lighting, all the supplies you need, etc., and of course, should be as free of distractions as possible. It should not be a place where you routinely do other things. It should be your study place.

5. **Do as much of your studying in the daytime as you can**
   What takes you an hour to do during the day may take you an hour and a half at night.

6. **Schedule breaks**
   Take a ten minute break after every hour of study. If possible, avoid long blocks of time for studying. Spread out several short study sessions during the day.

7. **Make use of study resources on campus**
   Find out about and use labs, tutors, videos, computer programs, and alternate texts. Sign up for an orientation session in the campus library and computer facilities. Get to know your professors and advisors. *Ask questions.* "I didn't know," or "I didn't understand" is never an excuse.

8. **Find at least one or two students in each class to study with**
   Studies show that students usually get better grades if they have a study partner. Study partners motivate each other to do well in class. Teaching a concept or new idea to someone else is a sure way for you to understand it. Caution - studying in a group or with a partner can sometimes become too social. Remember to stay focused.

9. **Study the hardest subject first**
   Work on your hardest subjects at a time when you are fresh. Putting them off until you're tired only makes the problem worse.

10. **Be good to yourself**
    Studying on 4 hours of sleep and an empty stomach or junk-food diet is a waste of time. Avoid food and drinks containing caffeine just before or just after studying.

*Reference: