



COLLEGE SUCCESS STUDENT CHECKLIST

SCHOOL YEAR PREP

SUMMER

- ☐ Make sure you're enrolled in all the correct classes for the coming semester
- ☐ Buy or rent books for class
- ☐ Request an early syllabus from professors
- ☐ Research what resources are available to you on campus
- ☐ Contact the financial aid office to ensure your finances are in place for the semester
- ☐ Attend any welcome or start of semester events

FALL TERM

SEPTEMBER

- ☐ Find a comfortable place on campus to study
- ☐ Introduce yourself to on-campus staff: your RA, professors, your academic advisor
- ☐ Research student organizations that you'd like to join
- ☐ Get comfortable with dorm living
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with buildings on campus
- ☐ Establish a study group with classmates

OCTOBER

- ☐ Attend a sporting event with friends
- ☐ Utilize your professors' office hours
- ☐ Ask your professors about program-specific scholarships and internships
- ☐ Research the classes you need to take next semester
- ☐ Create a study plan for midterms
- ☐ Map out your future classes and talk about it with your advisor



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NOVEMBER

- ☐ Register for classes for the Spring semester
- ☐ Organize your notes to get ready for final exams
- ☐ Make a travel plan to get home for Thanksgiving
- ☐ Attend an event hosted by a student organization
- ☐ Explore a new area of campus
- ☐ Volunteer with a student organization
- ☐ Request a letter of recommendation for scholarship applications

DECEMBER (DURING THE SEMESTER)

- ☐ Make a plan to get home for winter break
- ☐ Study for final exams
- ☐ Double check your financial aid is all set for next semester
- ☐ Check in with your academic advisor
- ☐ Sell or return class books

DECEMBER/JANUARY (OVER WINTER BREAK)

- ☐ Look into books and supplies for next semester
- ☐ Request an early copy of your class syllabus from professors
- ☐ Start applying to scholarships for next year
- ☐ Explore study abroad or volunteer opportunities for spring break or the summer



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WINTER/SPRING TERM

JANUARY

- ☐ Check deadlines for changing classes
- ☐ Make sure you have all your books for class
- ☐ Introduce yourself to new professors in office hours
- ☐ Establish a study group with classmates
- ☐ Attend a student organization meeting
- ☐ Check the status of your scholarship applications

FEBRUARY

- ☐ Complete or renew the FAFSA
- ☐ Meet with your study group to get ready for midterms
- ☐ Talk to professors about study abroad or volunteer opportunities for next year
- ☐ Research what classes you need to take next semester
- ☐ Visit a new office on campus
- ☐ Start thinking about summer plans (jobs, internships, summer classes)

MARCH

- ☐ Register for next semester's classes
- ☐ Check in with your academic advisor
- ☐ Make plans to get home for spring break
- ☐ Organize your notes in preparation for finals
- ☐ Meet with a study abroad advisor to talk about finances and the best program for you



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APRIL

- ☐ Make a plan to get home at the end of the semester
- ☐ Meet with your study group for final exam preparation
- ☐ Ask last minute questions at your professors' office hours
- ☐ Make sure your financial aid is in place for next year
- ☐ Finalize your summer plan

MAY

- ☐ Study for final exams
- ☐ Finish packing and cleaning your living space
- ☐ Turn in end-of-semester projects and papers
- ☐ Return or sell your class books