

Success Tips from Cuyamaca's Student Ambassadors

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Use a planner and keep it at your side. Most students not only have school, but work, and a personal life as well. A planner is key to success because failing to plan is planning to fail.

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Find the right balance between work and leisure time. If I concentrate too much on one or the other, I think that can have somewhat of a negative effect on my academic performance. Finding a nice balance, as well as setting reasonable and reachable goals, is really key for my success in college. Furthermore, getting involved with various programs and events on campus really made me appreciate how much Cuyamaca College cares about the students. I was able to use that as a motivational tool in order to help me study and thrive towards my passions in the best methods possible.

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Be friends with your professor and don't be afraid to ask questions! They are here to help you and are passionate in what they do. It's very beneficial in the end.

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Find the time to actually focus on whatever you need to accomplish, and when you feel you've accomplished enough, always take a 15 minute break to refresh your brain. If you ever want to get more involved in let's say after school activities, Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College can provide ample amount of student organization support. As well, the Career Center at the A building can help you find a job either on campus or off. School may be a bit tough, but keep in mind that there are always opportunities out there at our college that can provide enough support. :)

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Tip 1: USE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU. I believe counselors will be your number one resource. Another one is that there is free tutoring in all subjects: writing in the B building; science, engineering, technical, and mathematics in the H building; and all other subjects in the library.

Tip 2: Try to make friends in classes and hang out with the right people. If you hang out with the group that plays on their phone and talks during class you will eventually start doing the same.

Tip 3: Always treat others how you would like to be treated. Respect your teachers and their rules. It's not high school, it's college. You're officially a young adult now.

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Go to office hours! Attending office hours is the only way to understand what your teachers expect out of you as far as quality of work. If you have the chance to double major, it will only make you look more dynamic on paper. Lastly, study in the library. In the words of Frank Zappa, "If you want to [have fun] go to college. If you want an education go to the library."

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Being a successful college student could be difficult but not impossible. The way to reach being successful is not only to study but to create a habit of at least looking over a day's lecture before getting to class and never procrastinating. Leaving work unfinished until the last minute leads to unnecessary stress. It may seem like that is what is always told to students but it is the truth. Also, never to be scared to ask questions in class because other classmates might have the same question.