

Getting Better Grades

This will take work but here are six (6) ways to increase your academic performance.

1. **Go to class and actively participate.** Students who do poorly in class usually have a lot of absences. Absences hurt your grades because the class time is often spent on material not covered in the text. Even when textbook material is covered in class, discussions and lecture time clarify and amplify what is in the text. Take notes, ask questions and make comments. Show that you are actively engaged.
If you have to miss a class, borrow notes and review whatever is online pertaining to this class.
2. **Get organized.** College is all about multitasking. You can easily get overwhelmed with due dates, team meetings, a other demands on your time.
3. **Study assigned readings and handouts.** Don't just scan the material. Maximize the textbook reading and employ effective study techniques. Read assigned chapters before or immediately after they are discussed in class.
4. **Thoughtfully complete the homework assignments,** making an effort to actually learn something as opposed to just getting the assignment done. Make connections between homework assignments and concepts discussed in class or read in the textbook. Don't be satisfied with knowing the right answer, check into why this is the correct answer. Turn in your assignments on time. Late assignments receive reduced grades. Make sure there are no typos or misspellings, this also lowers your grade.
5. **Use study guides wisely**—Don't wait until the last minute to look at the study guide. Read the study guide carefully. Study guides are not a substitute for going to class or reading the textbook. Review your notes and read the textbook **BEFORE** using the study guide
6. **Interact with your instructor and your classmates.** Meet with a group of classmates to discuss course concepts and assignments and exchange ideas via email or in a study group. Explaining the course concepts to others is a great way to learn the material. Contact your instructor to ask questions. Don't ever be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

If you are going to take the time and effort to be in school, focus on the classes and give them your full attention.

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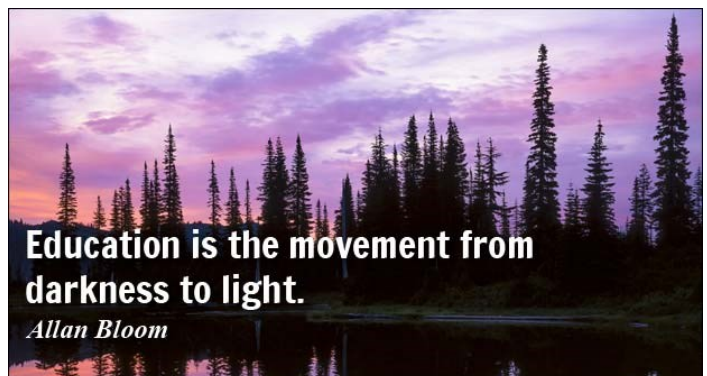
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FUNDING REQUIREMENT - **REMINDER!**

Requirements for **Winter/Spring 2015** funding.

- Complete Higher Ed Application.
- Provide proof of enrollment as a Tualip Tribal member.
- Provide High School Diploma or GED – If you do not have either you must sign a 6 month agreement.
- Running start students must provide a letter from their high school counselor.
- Provide results of Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) annually. <http://www.fafsa.edu.gov>.
- Provide a complete educational program plan of courses for your degree from the college/institution.
- Goal letter—State your academic goals and how you plan to achieve those goals and projected outcomes.
- Must sign the agreement acknowledging receipt and understanding of the Higher Education Policy regarding student responsibilities and probationary status.
- Class schedule.
- Tuition invoice from college/institution.
- Diving or other (physical requirement) certificate program — students must pass a UA and Physical. Proper documentation must be provided.
- Room & Board—students must provide a lease agreement and W-9 from landlord and live 30 miles from home.

This documentation must be provided to Higher Ed staff at least **two (2) weeks prior to school start date.**



Education is the movement from
darkness to light.

Allan Bloom



Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
— William Butler Yeats

Choosing the right course for You!

With over 50,000 courses to choose from, deciding what to study can definitely be a mind boggling process. However, unless you are really passionate about the path that you choose, you are not going to enjoy the courses you will be studying.

- ◆ The first question should be, “**What is it that you really interested in?**” This is not necessarily what you are good at but what do you love doing. You might be good at math but you spend your weekends fixing up old computers. You should specialize in what you have a passion for.
- ◆ **Why are you interested in this subject?** It is really important to think about why you are interested in this subject. Is it because you can see an exciting, engaging career ahead or are you doing this because you think your parents would want you to do this? By taking the time to think about what you really want in life, you can work out the path you really want your choices to take you in.
- ◆ **Where would you like to study?** So once you have decided on what to study you should look at where to study.
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Where is the best school to specialize in this subject? Are there internship opportunities? This is an opportunity to make amazing new friendships and experience a whole new way of looking at life.

- ◆ **Reality check.** Now that you have decided on your dream path, you need to take a deep breath and see if it is realistic goal. Can you afford the transportation costs, tuition costs and cost of living? Do you have all of the qualifications, i.e. language requirement, testing requirements (ACT, SAT, GRE, MCAT, GMAT and LSAT). Also, start applying for those scholarships.
- ◆ This is also a good time to start doing your homework by searching out information about the schools, cities and/or countries on your list. You should narrow it down to three (3) to five (5) schools and then apply.
- ◆ On your short list of options, you should make a list of three (3) top features that will impact your decision on schools. These criteria could include school prestige or ranking, research facility, practical experience and internships, cost of tuition, student support services, safety, social life, chance to travel, etc. These are just some suggestions. There are so many variables and it really boils down to what exactly are your top personal needs.
- ◆ Studying overseas can be very expensive but this could be an investment in your future. Also see what the career opportunities are in your chosen field. This information can be found in the Bureau of Labor Statistics—OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK. <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>. This information is produced by the United States Department of Labor and is a guide to career information about hundreds of occupations. It goes into detail on the occupation’s job summary, entry level education and median pay. It is extremely thorough.

“EVERY TRULY GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT IS AT FIRST IMPOSSIBLE.”

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