



# Academics, Achievement and You

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## Excellence

- We are what we do repeatedly, excellence then is not an act but a habit.

Aristotle



## Texas Statistics

- Texas ranks 40<sup>th</sup> in US High School Graduation rates.
- 66.7% of HS graduates enrolled in Colleges and Universities in 2004.
- College enrollment rate for recent HS grades increased 3 percentage points from 2003.

# Graduation Rates in Texas Public Universities

- Statewide the average for the completion of a baccalaureate degree is 6 years.
- Increased number of freshman who earn degrees from institution to which they first enrolled from 39% (1990) to 45% (1996).





## Did You Know?

- Freshman year in college is most critical time in determining a student's success.
- 45-50% of college freshman do not return after freshman year.
- College is the preparation for your future; plan for success.

# Top 5 Ways to be Successful in College

- Time Management
- Learn Process of Study
- Select Major Carefully
- Attend 95% of all classes
- Balance Academics and Social Life



# Time Management

- Make a college education your #1 Priority!
- List needs according to importance, set timelines.
- Create 2 Schedules: Hourly and Monthly
- Study sessions should last no more than 3 hours.





## Process of Study

- Study during daylight hours
- Use 30-3-2 Method
- Prioritize daily what you need to study with a timeline.
- Prepare for class: read syllabus and texts consistently.
- Create a study space.
- Use academic support services.



## Select Major Carefully

- Be realistic based on your interests and strengths.
- Research information about your major before making a decision.
- Have an alternate major plan.
- Do not feel pressured to select a major your freshman year.

# Top Majors 2004 Education Outlook

Rank	Major	Beginning Salary	Current Salary
1	Kinesiology	\$85,577.00	\$272,222.00
2	Meteorology	\$75,000.00	\$100,259.00
3	Nuclear Engineering	\$75,000.00	\$100,000.00
4	Pre-Med and Medical	\$66,283.00	\$264,286.00
5	Public Health	\$62,821.00	\$ 77,778.00
6	Economics	\$62,139.00	\$191,557.00
7	Geography and Geosciences	\$62,103.00	\$129,286.00
8	Nursing	\$61,121.00	\$ 88,534.00
9	Agriculture/Horticulture	\$59,901.00	\$ 68,571.00
10	Chemical Engineering	\$59,606.00	\$107,000.00





# Classes

- Attend regularly
- Become familiar with your academic advisor.
- Meet with professors.
- Strive for good grades.
- Take advantage of campus resources.
- Connect with students in class



## Balance Social Life

- Take responsibility for self and actions.
- Enjoy college, take some time for self.
- Prioritize goals and objectives.
- Maintain budget
- Don't cut corners

# Don't BE a STATISTIC

- BE Determined
- BE Prepared
- BE Organized
- BE A College Graduate....your earning potential is magnified!



# Study Strategies

- Highlight Text: Don not Underline
- Take Legible notes, create database of key points or major ideas for each class.
- Study daily, do not cram or overload brain in decreases retention.
- Refer to website:  
<http://www.adprima.com/studyout.htm>

