Strategies for Academic Success: What the Best College Students Do

The Learning Studio
Academic Support Programs
Columbia College Chicago
Overview

By the end of this session, you’ll be able to:

• Learn about skills that the best college students utilize to be successful

• Have a basic understanding of the academic support resources offered through Columbia College’s Learning Studio
Columbia’s **Learning Studio** brings together several **academic support programs** to support student success both inside and outside of the classroom. [Learning Studio Website](#)

- Tutoring in writing, Science, Mathematics, Technology, Foreign Languages, Accounting, Finance
- Study groups (Supplemental Instruction) for challenging courses.
- New Student Placement
- Programming and resources to support students (TRiO)
- One-on-one sessions with a peer academic coach
We believe that good students plan to be successful – and researchers think so, too.  

Julie Redmond, AVP Academic Support
What the Best College Students Do
by Ken Bain

“No one can guarantee your long-term success in any sense of the word, but you can equip yourself with the skills for lifelong learning and adaptability, no matter what surprises the future has in store for you.”

~Ken Bain
“Eighty percent of success is just showing up.”
Woody Allen

As Bain details, there are three types of learners:

– **surface**, who do as little as possible to get by;

– **strategic**, who aim for top grades rather than true understanding; and

– **deep learners**, who leave college with a real, rich education.

Read more: [secrets of the most successful college students](https://www.secretsmostsuccessfulcollegestudents.com/)
What DO the best college students do?

They elaborate, associate, ask questions, evaluate, play with words...have fun. (Bain)

- Type your notes after studying them.
- Students can with Writing Center consultants on any writing project at the Learning Studio.
- Talk to your instructors!

Peer Academic Coaches (PACS) in the Learning Studio can help you organize your time (school, work, assignments and projects).
The best college students develop an understanding before trying to remember. Bain

- **SI Link**

The Learning Studio connects students to tutors and SI leaders to strengthen their skills in many areas.
Repeat, repeat, repeat...

The Writing Center consultants work with students in all stages of the writing process.

- Last minute brush-up sessions after weeks of study could help improve accuracy on tests
- Space out time between drafts of your paper or study periods

“Get your story written, you always have the second and third draft to fix things.”
~Andromeda Edison
Did you know?

Testing is better than rehearsing... even if you get all the answers wrong the first time.

SMLC tutors offer review sessions to prepare students for their examinations.
Don’t multitask, but do study more than one subject at the same time.

- The human brain can’t really perform two different tasks simultaneously (watch TV and study for example).

- Instead, study and integrate two subjects together to develop understanding.

Multitasking divides your attention span and reduces quality.

~ Kristi
and more...

Find a place that is appropriate to study with few distractions.

Exercise.

Eat well.

CAP offers room to study and a lab to visit to complete assignments. CAP
Snapshot of the Learning Studio

- Around 3,000 individual students per year participate in LS programs
- 85 tutors/SI leaders/peer academic coaches
- Serve students 7 days a week
- Skype and email appointments
- Online appointment setting
618 S. Michigan Avenue
first floor and lower level

• Call, Click, Come In!
• Hours (M-Th 9-7; Fri. 9-5; Sat 10-3; Sun 1-5)
• Phone Number (312) 369-8130
• www.colum.edu/learningstudio
• Screen shots of my appointments tab in OASIS
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