

## TOP 10 HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL at UCLA

10. **Learn about the “free stuff”.** Campus Events holds free concerts, movies, and speakers. Subscribe at [www.campusevents.ucla.edu](http://www.campusevents.ucla.edu). The Hammer and Fowler Museums are also free to students. And discounted student tickets are available for a variety of performance art events held on campus: UCLA Live, Melnitz Movies, and more.
9. **Know where things are.** Walk around campus before classes begin. Find your classrooms and familiarize yourself with the Wooden Center, Career Center, James West Alumni Center, Student Health Center, Counseling Centers, and Professor offices. Visit [www.ucla.edu](http://www.ucla.edu) for a campus map. And don't be afraid to ask around.
8. **Read the *Daily Bruin* and be familiar with the UCLA General Catalog.** Go to [www.dailybruin.com](http://www.dailybruin.com) or [www.my.ucla.edu](http://www.my.ucla.edu) for the latest student news. The catalog is available online at [www.registrar.ucla.edu](http://www.registrar.ucla.edu).
7. **Understand what is expected of you.** Ask a professor. Don't assume. Be straightforward. And keep asking until you clearly understand.
6. **Get involved.** There are over 800 student groups on campus, including academic-based societies, recreational clubs and small- and large-scale service projects. Look for not just social activities but those tied to your long term goals.
5. **Buy a Planner Book. Use it.** Have one calendar with important dates, assignments, tests, fee payments, and others. Refer to it daily to avoid surprises.
4. **Sit in front.** Studies show that those who sit in the in the front third of the classroom get better grades and learn more. Get to class early.
3. **Get to know your instructors.** They are people, too. Not intimidating teaching machines.
2. **Learn to study differently, not just more.** Establish study groups. Get advice. Use free tutoring, or become a tutor yourself. The best way to learn something is to teach it.
1. **When things don't go well, get help.** Don't be afraid. No one is too cool or too smart. Use the resources available to you before it's too late. Better safe, than sorry.

## Remember...

**SUCCESS AT UCLA IS NOT A FUNCTION OF ABILITY. IT IS A FUNCTION OF EFFORT.**

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