



Five Ways to Succeed at UT

Be resourceful

Communicate with your professors; visit them during office hours. Get to know your TAs, advisors, and fellow students. In short, network. Ask questions in and after class. Don't be anonymous! Familiarize yourself with and use the many resource centers on campus. Good examples are the Sanger Learning Center, the Undergraduate Writing Center, Center for Strategic Advising & Career Counseling, and the Counseling and Mental Health Center.

Discipline yourself

Learn and use good time management skills. Make use of good study skills. Remember: quality—not quantity—is the key. Regulate your behavior: go to class, ask for help when you need it, study regularly. Learn to say no to friends, social opportunities, etc. when necessary.

Have a positive attitude

Start each day prepared to learn. Reach out to faculty, staff, and fellow students; make yourself a part of the campus community.

Adapt your learning strategies to different environments

Adjust your study skills to different types of classes. The studying you do for a Chemistry class, for example, will be significantly different than what you do for an English class. Learn how to negotiate the differences between lecture classes with several hundred students and seminars with 25 students; both are common at UT. Understand your own learning preferences and seek out strategies for maximizing them.

Accept the challenge

Remember that UT is a highly competitive institution, so your fellow students will have good math, science, writing, reading, and computer skills. Many incoming students will have lots of academic experience from challenging high-school level courses, such as AP and honors courses. Adopt a realistic way of thinking about your role as a college student. That is, understand that good grades in high school do not necessarily result in good grades in college, and recognize that the amount you studied in high school will likely be insufficient in college.