

Academic Success and The Career Journey



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Office of Academic Advising: What We Do

- **Serve as back up to faculty / staff adviser for advising & course planning**
- **Help students who experience extenuating circumstances (medical, family emergencies)**
 - ***Consider tuition insurance (purchase before first day of class);***
<http://finance.wfu.edu/sfs/tuition-insurance>

Why Purchase Tuition Insurance??

Schedule of Adjustments for Withdrawal or Continuous Enrollment Start Date, Fall and Spring Semesters

Schedule of Adjustments	
Official Date	Tuition Refunded
Before classes begin	100% tuition (-) deposit
First week of classes	90%
Second week of classes	75%
Third week of classes	50%
Fourth week of classes	30%
Fifth week of classes	20%
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- Guide students who request exceptions to rules (credit overloads, late adds & drops) or have complaints
 - ***NOTE: Last day to drop a full-term course is October 1*** *(9/12 or 11/2 for first- or second-part of term respectively)*
 - ***Last day to drop with grade of “W” is October 29. No drops allowed thereafter.***
- Help students who are struggling academically (self-initiated or referred to us)

Office of Academic Advising: What We Do

- **Reach out to students:**
 - following an academic alert
 - with low midterm or final grades
- **Handle withdrawals and readmissions**
- **Help students who don't know where else to go**

Top Ten Tips For Academic Success

1.



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2. Get to Know Professors



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3. Communicate



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I respond to text messages in my head.
Sometimes weeks go by before I realize
I didn't respond in real life.
I'm working on that.

4. Respond when others reach out

Top Ten Tips For Academic Success

5. Space out studying (i.e., don't cram)



Top Ten Tips For Academic Success

6. Explore intellectually, and follow their interests & passions



"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

Anthony J. D'Angelo

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Initiative

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def: The ability to solve problems and take actions by thinking of the solutions rather than being told or ordered what to do.

7. Take initiative
& responsibility

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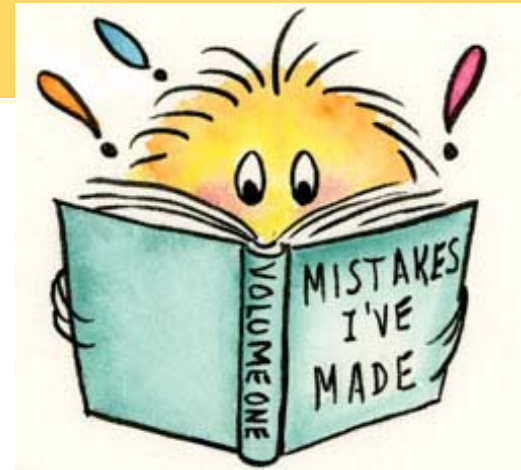
8. Expect
good things...
but prepare
for challenges



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9. Learn from disappointment or failure

*it's only a mistake
if you don't learn from it*



Top Ten Tips For Academic Success

10. Get involved...but not over-involved



Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help



1. Encourage behaviors on the top ten list

Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

2. Allow your student to follow his/her interests & passions ... even if they are not yours

Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

3. Normalize the ups & downs of life, and of transition



Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

4. Don't expect
academic
perfection



Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

5. Let student take the lead in solving problems & making decisions

Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

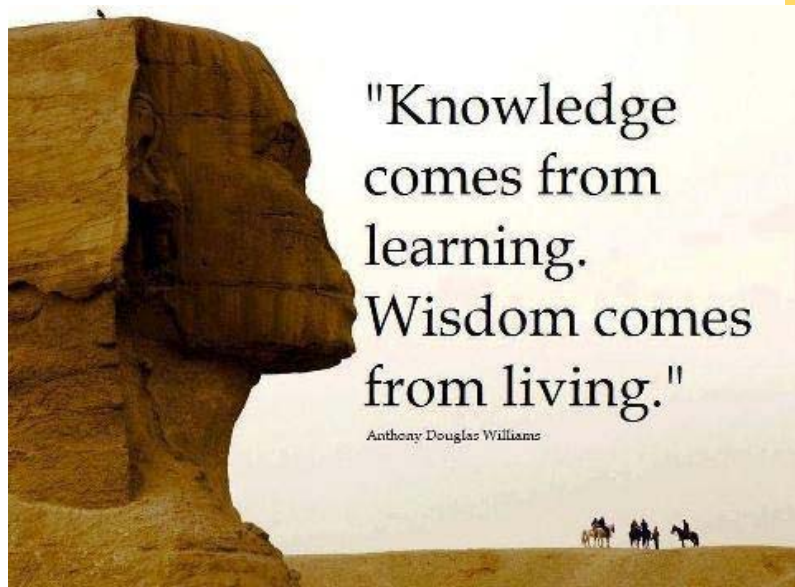
6. Provide support,
guidance

Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

7. Listen



Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help



8. Once you've listened, share your values, advice, wisdom

Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

9. Encourage healthy
(and legal) means of
having fun & de-stressing

Top Ten Ways Parents Can Help

10. Model the behaviors you want to see



Parent Communication with WFU

- **FERPA**

- **Proxy Access**

- <https://registrar.wfu.edu/academic-records/>

When to Contact Us in OAA

- **You are concerned about your student's wellbeing**
- **There is a significant illness or family emergency that will adversely affect class attendance or concentration**
- **You want guidance on how to advise your student in a particular situation**

My Contact Information

- **buchanan@wfu.edu**
- **336-758-3320 – during business hours**
- **336-391-5996 – if concerned outside of business hours**
- **336-758-5911 – in an emergency**

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