

411 Connection 3: Top 10 ways to Graduate on time.

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Struggling to stay on track for graduation? Feel like you will never graduate from college? Here are the top ten ways for college students to graduate on time.

10. Have A Plan. Know what you would like to accomplish while in college. Create a concrete outline for ways you wish to grow.

“If you do not know where you have been, then you do not know where you will go.”

-Dr. Howard Lindsey, Professor of

History

9. Know The Resources Available. There are a multitude of offices on campus with numerous resources and programs available for all students.

“Go into these offices, introduce yourself, and ask them what type of services they provide. Look at their websites and pamphlets.”

-Dr. Anissa Jones, Assistant Dean of Students

8. Keep Track Of Your Progress. It is necessary for students to know which requirements they have already met and which ones still need to be completed.

“If you are not earning 48 credits hours per year, you will not graduate in 4 years... you have to make good informed choices.”

-Eric Mata, Assistant Director of OMSS

7. Meet With Your Advisors. You are assigned academic advisors for a reason. They are available to help you in your pursuit to graduate college on time. It is a good practice to meet with your advisor at least once per academic quarter.

6. Get To Know Your Professors. It is always good to have a relationship with your professors in and outside of the classroom, especially if they are working in the field you hope to work in upon graduate. They can provide you with some of the most applicable advice for your career path.

“Talk to your professors outside of class. They are able to tell you which classes you should take for the particular field you want to work in.”

-Dr. Anissa Jones, Assistant Dean of Students

5. Have Allies. You need people around you as your support system. These are individuals who encourage you and want you to succeed in life, and are striving for the same goals as you.

“Everybody needs allies. These are like-minded people who want the same things you do.”

-Dr. Anissa Jones, Assistant Dean of Students

4. Be Involved. Getting involved in student organizations on campus can be a motivator to succeed academically. Not only do you become the role model for incoming students, but some of the skills you obtain in your student organizations can benefit you in class and life as well.

“Get involved on campus because if you are successful outside of the classroom you will be successful inside the classroom.”

-Alexander Miller, Associate Director for Academic Partnerships, Office of Academic Enhancement

3. Take Classes When They Are Offered. You may have to take classes when you do not necessarily want to, but you have to be willing to make sacrifices.

“Don’t be afraid to take a summer class. That could be the difference between you graduating on time and having to stay an extra year.”

-Kristen Reid Salomon, Program Coordinator for SLI

2. Time Management. This is one of the most important keys to academic success. You have to organize your time properly. You must set aside time for studying; it is all about prioritizing.

1. Go To Class. You cannot graduate on time if you do not go to class.

If you follow these 10 simple steps, you will be on the road to graduate from DePaul in 4 years. So, get started on your road to academic success and do not be afraid to stop inside the offices on campus to learn more about ways they can benefit you.