



February Senior Seminar 2020



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Using a curricular map
to schedule classes in
order to graduate on
time.

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SENIOR CHECK IN

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Semester Updates

TN Promise webinar

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4861395>



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholars Helping Collars

Tell the best story describing the impact he or she made on a rescue animal or animal welfare in general. Deadline Feb. 28th Amount \$1,500 <https://www.petplay.com/pages/scholarship>

DCU Annual Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded on academic merit, teachers' and/or guidance counselor references, an original essay, awards and recognition, and extracurricular and community service activities. An impartial panel of college educators will judge participants' entries. Deadline March 5th Amount varies between \$1,000 and \$2,500 <https://www.dcuforkids.org/scholarships/>

Live Deliberately Scholarship

In 750 words or fewer, please respond to the following prompt: Referring to the above quote, what does it mean to aim above morality for you? Why is it important, in the short-term or long-term, to be good for something? <https://www.walden.org/education/essay-contest/>



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FIND THE FIT

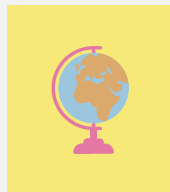
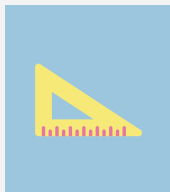
TN Transfer Pathways
2 + 2 Pathways

Tennessee Transfer Pathways

<https://www.tntransferpathway.org/>

How does it work?

Completed all courses listed for a major will earn you an Associates Degree. Once you transfer to a 4 yr. TN state school those credits will be accepted.

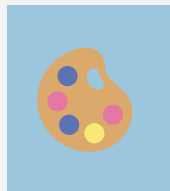


Use it to pick your transfer school

It lets you know which TN State and Private Colleges/Universities accept each transfer pathway.

Use it to help you pick your major and research your career

Saturn is the ringed planet.
It's composed mostly of hydrogen and helium



Exceptions

This site will also list any exceptions so you don't run into any surprises.

2 Plus 2 Planning

2 yrs. @ 2 yr. college

Use TN Promise to get an associates degree.

2 yrs. @ 4 yr. college

Transfer with 2 yr. Degree to a 4 yr. college.

Bachelor degree (4 yr.)

Complete your bachelor degree!



41%

This is the percentage of undergraduate students who graduate on time for a 4 yr. Degree.

Data from Educationdata.org

<https://educationdata.org/number-of-college-graduates>



College Life Activity Graduating On Time

03

Top Reasons Students Don't Graduate On Time

Too Many Work Hours.

Students who work more than 25 hours a week struggle to keep a 3.0 or above GPA.



No Social Life

If you don't enjoy something you will not stick with it.

Taking classes not in your major/minor.

Each program of study requires certain classes (general education and major specific) to be taken in order to receive your degree.

Falling Behind/Lack of Study Skills

College requires more studying between classes. A low GPA could cause you to lose financial aid or be put on academic probation.

Tips to Graduate on Time

Too many work hours

Limit the amount during the semester by applying to scholarships and earning more money over summer and breaks

No Social Life

Join something that you are interested in. Even community colleges have clubs and campus events. Let's check out the clubs organizations page for your top choice school.

Falling Behind/ Study Skills

College is different from high school in many ways, especially academically. Use your syllabus to know what to study and when classes are scheduled. Sign up for tutoring at the first sign of trouble. You don't want to jeopardize financial aid or having to retake classes you failed and not graduate on time.

Taking the Wrong Classes

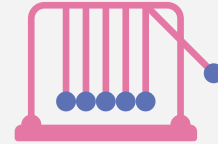
Each school has a curricular map or 4 year study plan. Stick to the plan. You may end up taking a few out of order if you have DE credits you are transferring in, but print the list and take classes that meet the requirements.

College Life Activity



Individual

First you will find the curricular map or graduation plan at your top choice school for your major.



Group Discussion

Then you will be split into groups based on your major choice and we will discuss the differences and similarities in the curricular maps

Find Your Curricular Map / Graduation Plan

Everyone has to find the curricular map for their major at their top choice school.

You may ask me questions if you need help.

You must let me know what major you are going to be looking and at what college.

Let me know once you have found it.

Ready Set.... GO!!!!



College Life Activity- Split into Groups



Science

Biology Chemistry
Geosciences Physics
Astronomy



Health Sciences

Nursing
Allied Health
Physical Therapy



Business/Technology

Business Accounting
Computer Sciences
Engineering Marketing
Digital Media



Education

Early Childhood Elementary
Middle School Secondary
School Counseling Special Educ.



Social Sciences

Psychology Sociology
Criminal Justice
History English
Foreign Language



Other

Math Music Theatre
Political Science
Philosophy etc.

Group Questions

Semester Credits

How many credits will you need to take each semester to graduate on time? Is it the same for all the curricular maps?



Challenging Classes

Which classes will be the most difficult for you?
Share with your group.



General Education and Electives?

Are the general education classes similar at each school? What types of electives can you take?



What About Extracurriculars?

Clubs related to your major

These are major specific clubs available at your school.

Other extracurriculars you would be interested in

Find at least one not related to your major you might be interested in.



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Study Skills/ Wrap Up

- Syllabus Mapping
- Study Plan
- March Topics

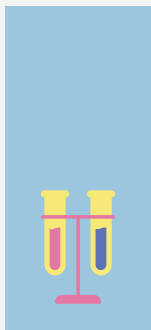


Ways A Syllabus Can Save Your Grade



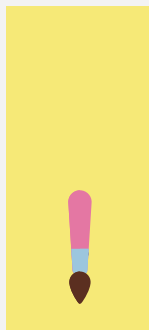
Contact Info.

Who, When, Where,
How... to contact
your professor



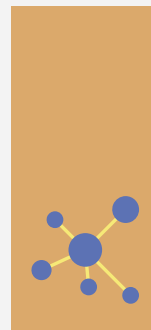
What is Covered

Topics, readings,
videos etc. required
before each class.



Policies

What makes up your grade-
tests, presentations, papers?
Attendance/ Make Up work
policies and how/where to
turn in your work.



Due Dates

When are assignments.
Tests, quizzes, papers.
Presentations etc. due.
Finish work ahead of time
to keep grades up.

Syllabus Mapping- Making Sense of a Syllabus

Professor Info.

Have a question about an assignment?
Online quiz mess up? Homework not
submitting? Have your professor
contact at your fingers



Keep your grade up

What percentage of your grade is
made up by: exams, quizzes,
participation, papers, presentations,
final exam? Set up a study plan.

Policies

What is the attendance policy?
What is the make-up work policy?
Other Policies?

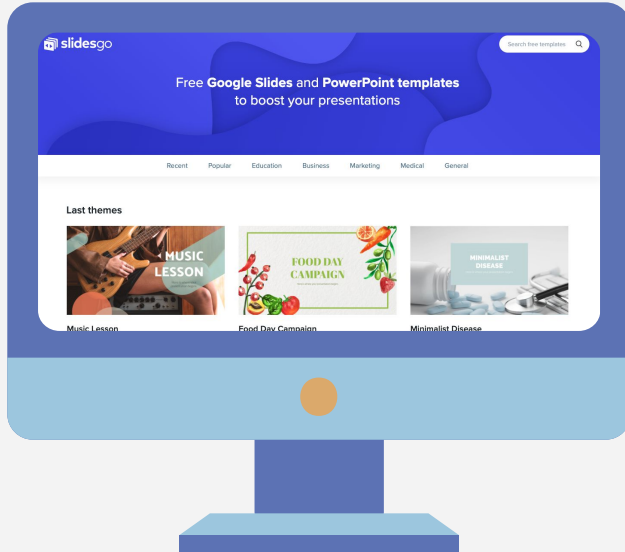
Helpful Classmates

Who can you call if you miss
class or need help with an
assignment or to make a study
group.

Keep up with due dates

Make a list of what is due and
when. Then keep track of the
grade received so you can
estimate your grades.

Actual Syllabus



Click this Link to check out an college syllabus

https://www.utm.edu/webshare/library/syllabi/2-20-2014_ENGL_111_PE2_Fall_2013.pdf

Now we will go back to the previous slide so you can find the information and familiarize yourself with using a syllabus map.

Benefits of a Study Plan



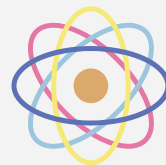
Organization

Keep track of assignments, study times, prepare for exams, start papers early, and know what readings to complete before class.



Academic Success

Being prepared and spacing out studying can dramatically improve your grades. Creating good and consistent study habits makes it easier in higher level classes as well.



Balance

Using a study plan can help you make the best use of your time. You are better able to balance work, school and extracurricular activities.

March Topics

College Life Activity -Time Management
Find the Fit Spring Review
Scholarships
Deadlines

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