

## TOP TEN STRATEGIES FOR FLUNKING A COURSE

1. Attend class sporadically. If you attend class on a regular basis you could be in danger of understanding the course material.
2. Spend \$50 on the textbook and keep it in the trunk of your car. Reading it could jeopardize your grade.
3. Sit in the back row of the classroom. You'll find other students there who share many of your goals. You all can chat while the professor is trying to lecture.
4. Whatever you do, try not to exceed your 30 minute study time for tests. Increasing your test preparation efforts could result in a higher grade on the test.
5. Never see your professor during office hours. If you don't ask any questions about the course material then you won't have to worry about emptying this stuff from your head.
6. Try not to take good lecture notes. It's best to rely on your memory of the course material presented in the last six weeks.
7. Be immature and disruptive in class. Having the professor throw you out of class will be extremely effective in getting a crummy grade.
8. Be sure you stay unmotivated throughout the semester. Any deviation from this clever strategy could be dangerous.
9. Remember, you must procrastinate on *every* assignment. Starting the project early could be a disaster!
10. Continue to blame everyone but yourself for your poor grades. Keeping in touch with *reality* would not be a good thing to do!

## TOP TEN STRATEGIES FOR PASSING A COURSE

1. Recognize that your high school years are behind you. Success in college requires self-discipline and maturity.
2. Attend class on a regular basis. Being present for the lectures far surpasses attempts to understand the material from another student's notes.
3. Treat your professor and your classmates with respect. Mature classroom behavior contributes significantly to academic success.
4. Begin your work on papers and projects well in advance. Throwing something together the night before it's due just won't cut it!
5. Sit anywhere in the classroom. The key is paying attention!
6. Go see your professor during office hours. Believe it or not, we're here to *help* you.
7. Do not assume the professor will bail you out at the end of the semester. That just *isn't* going to happen.
8. If you are at all squeamish, don't read this one! For each test you should study anywhere from 4 - 10 hours. (I told you this wasn't pretty!)
9. Take good lecture notes. Always remember that if the professor takes the time to put something on the board then you can assume it's important.
10. Set high goals for yourself throughout college. Take pride in your accomplishments and enjoy the rewards that will come to you - now and in the future!