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How to be an Excellent Student

- ⤷ **Go to every class.**
- ⤷ **Be on time for class**, and stay until the end.
- ⤷ **Sit in the front row** so that your complete focus is on the instructor.
- ⤷ After your first class, **read your syllabus thoroughly** so you know what to expect in the months to come. Refer to your syllabus frequently throughout the semester.
- ⤷ **Hand in ALL of your assignments on time**; otherwise you are likely to lose perfectly good points.
- ⤷ **ALWAYS do extra credit** when it is offered.
- ⤷ **Always bring the necessary materials** to class.
- ⤷ If you have trouble getting all the information from the instructor's lecture, **invest in a tape recorder**. Bring it to class, and record every lecture.
- ⤷ **Write down everything that the instructor puts on the board!** If he/she takes time to write it down, it must be important.
- ⤷ If you need help, make sure to **get help early** so that you don't become overwhelmed.
- ⤷ Do not let homework and reading assignments pile up. **Stay on task.**
- ⤷ **Develop a positive relationship with your instructor.** Go visit him/her during office hours. Instructors usually welcome questions.

