



iFALCON Expectations for Academic Success

College is difficult and requires time and dedication. It is your responsibility to do everything possible to succeed; your professors counselors, and college staff are here to help you achieve your goals and offer guidance. Below are the *minimum* expectations for participation in college/university classrooms; if you choose to meet these expectations, you begin to perform as a college student.

Classroom Expectations:

- * Be in class 5 minutes before it starts.
- * Use the bathroom before class begins. Unless you have a genuine medical condition, do not get up during class; it interrupts the professor and distracts other students. Plan to sit through the full class or until a break is provided. And if you do have a medical condition, make arrangements with your professor in advance.
- * Before class begins, turn the smart phone off (no vibrate mode--shut it down completely) and put it away. Everyone knows when you're lap texting; if you need to lap text, go home.
- * Plan to miss *no* classes during the semester--every absence is a problem. For every class missed, expect your grade to drop because you've missed important class material.
- * Scheduling medical appointments, job interviews, family errands, or other activities during class time is not acceptable. If you are serious about academic success, your priority is being present for every class.
- * Avoid side conversations in class. Your whispering is obvious to everyone and disrespectful.
- * Review the class syllabus and the course schedule weekly. Understand all class requirements and expectations.
- * Talk with your professor. Ask questions during class or after class. Visit the professor's office hours to review assignments. Get to know your professor; this will identify you as a student who wants to succeed.

Arrive Prepared for Class:

- * Bring the right book and be ready to open to the assignment.
- * Have a notebook open and be ready to take notes. Take notes on the reading assignment, too, and review them before class.
- * Expect that for each hour you spend in class, you study for a minimum of 2 hours weekly. Consider the following guide as a breakdown of ***minimum*** expectations for the time you should spend studying outside of class weekly:

3 units: 6 hours
6 units: 12 hours
9 units: 18 hours
12 units: 24 hours
15 units: 30 hours

Many students intend to be successful in college, and yet their behavior sabotages that goal. If you can't dedicate the kind of time, focus, and personal responsibility required to achieve success, reconsider whether you are ready for college. *You* are responsible for your own success; are you ready to do what it takes to achieve it?