



YOUR GUIDE TO SUCCESS AT NEW YORK CITY TECH

Tips on How You Can Succeed in Your First Year of College

College is nothing like high school. You don't have anyone sitting around babying you holding your hand and guiding you every step of the way. You have to learn and figure things out yourself. Professors at our college treat you as an adult and with respect and the same is required from yourself. The majority of mistakes made in college occur during your first semester as a freshman. Flourishing as a freshman at City Tech can be a challenging time for a few but have no fear, I have constructed a little guideline to make your first year transition at City Tech a successful one with minimal to no mistakes made.

Your first step as a City Tech student after orientation is going for advisement and selecting your classes. Going into advisement is like rolling the dice. You can have a really helpful advisement session or a really bad one. Your best bet is to get a course outline from your majors department and familiarize yourself with CUNY First's website so that way you don't have to wait and rely on the advisement department to register yourself for classes. This will save you a lot of time and headaches in the long run.

If you do not know what you want to do or major in, or suddenly feel the need to switch your major it's ok. I suggest talking required liberal arts classes for your majors because they are pretty much the same for the majority of the majors that City Tech have to offer. Even if you know what you want to major in, I don't suggest mixing the required courses in the major with the required liberal arts courses. That is only because there is a strong possibility that you will forget a lot of the information you learned and need for your major especially valuable information that you will need for Senior year.

A major obstacle you want avoid are lines. Lines for the Bursars office , Financial Aid office, and elevators to get to class can be really frustrating, if you desire talking the elevator you will need to arrive approximately fifteen minutes prior to the start of your class in order to secure your spot on the elevator and insure arrival to your class on time.

Our college does a decent job in trying to get you in touch with its culture by offering a variety of clubs and programs also hosting events for students of our college. I myself never got into any of the clubs or programs City Tech had to offer, but part of me wished I did so don't make the same mistake and have the same regrets I did get involved today.

To stay at the top of your class I suggest sitting in front of your class, that way note taking doesn't become difficult and you are forced to stay awake and pay attention. Also class participation adds up to a large portion of your grade, so raise your hand ask questions and give answer it will help. A place that you will surely visit often is the computer lab on the 6th floor in the Namn building , this room will give you computer access if you need to type or print out a paper or any other work before class. I also suggest exchanging contact information with at least two different classmates in every class just in case something comes up and you cannot make it to class they can help fill you in with notes or homework.

My experience as a City Tech student has been a very eye opening experience for me. All in all I believe City Tech is a good school, its affordable and you can receive a great learning and culture experience while obtaining your degree. College is the last piece in the puzzle that you have been putting together since grade school, It is an important investment in your future so use it wisely and remember to ask a lot of questions because that is the only way to get the answers. If you chose not to, the only person your hurting is yourself.



Having a High school mentality is something you don't want to have and if you do have that kind of mentality, you will want to shake that off before you step foot in any college.



Pay close attention to when registration for the next semester begins, you do not want to miss out on any of your classes. They go fast!



You can take 12-18 credits and it will be the same price. This is beneficial to freshman students who don't have a job and who can take those many classes



You're better off taking the stairs



Some classes might be a little tough but one option you have that very few take is the ability to meet with your professors during their office hours and help improve your work or ask any questions that you may have.