

# City Tech 101

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# #RiseAndGrind

Session 3  
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# Today's Topics

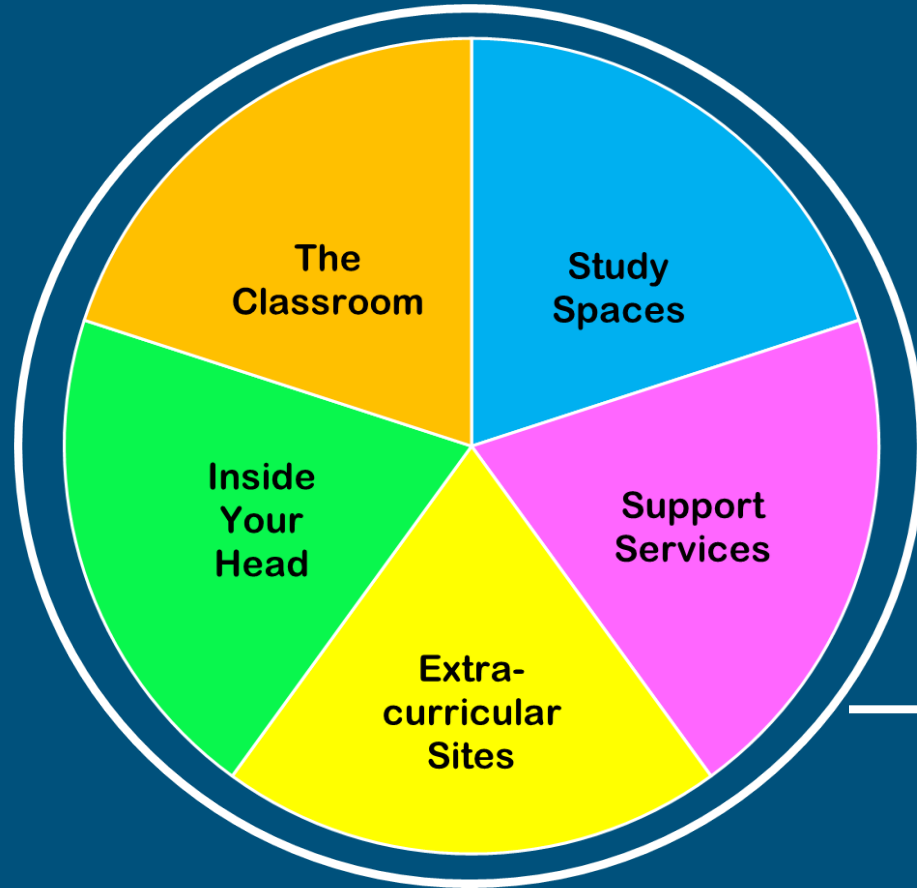
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**Where does  
college happen?**

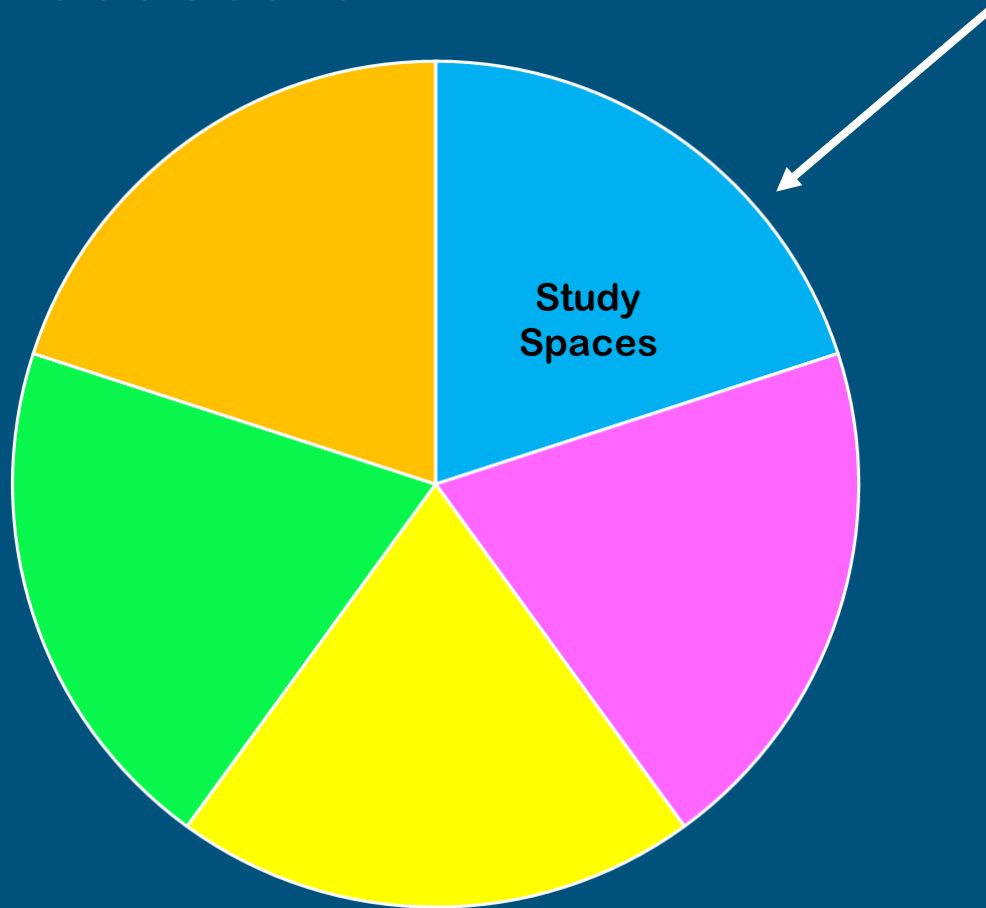


# College happens in lots of places



These are all necessary parts of college!

Today we are focused on...



**Increased  
Personal  
Responsibility**

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**Taking Control of  
Your Own Learning**



# Learning Plan Questions

[PDF of Questionnaire](#)



# Learning Spaces: Where do I learn?

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# Working Remotely

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- **In your home**
- **In your own space**
- **In your personal classroom**
- **In a suitable place in your neighborhood (library, coffee shop, park, or a different CUNY campus)**



**Which student is an engaged learner?**

# Create Your Own Workspace at Home

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- **Limit distractions and unwanted noise**
- **Set up computer/tablet on a desk or table, not your lap**
- **Sit in a chair, rather than a couch or bed**
- **Have a notebook and pens/pencils nearby**
- **Make sure there is plenty of light**
- **Hang a calendar or weekly schedule**
- **Post a To Do list**
- **Post pictures, images, and/or motivational quotes**
- **Add a plant for increased oxygen**

# On City Tech Campus

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- **In the classroom**
- **In the lab**
- **In the library**
- **In the computer lab**
- **In other spaces**

**Have you found a place on campus to study that works for you?  
A place to hang out?**

# Find Your Own Workspace on Campus

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- **Which spaces have the optimal amount of quiet or noise for you?**
- **Alone or with friends/classmates?**
- **Find a place where you can work in a comfortable position**
- **Carry your supplies with you**
- **Where are the places you can get help on campus when you need it?**

**What other places are workspaces?**

# What other places are workspaces?

- **Coffee shop or restaurant**
- **Park or other outdoor area**
- **Public Library**
- **Library at a different CUNY campus**



**Think back to the answers you gave on your  
“Learning Profile” Questions.**

**What spaces will help you study  
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find those spaces?**

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**Take a few minutes to draw or diagram a study space you plan to use. What will be the best layout for this space? What will this space include?**

# When do I learn?

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# A Typical FY College Schedule

Time	Monday Sep 27	Tuesday Sep 28	Wednesday Sep 29	Thursday Sep 30	Friday Oct 1
8:00AM					
9:00AM					
10:00AM		PHYS 1433 - OL56 Lecture 10:00AM - 11:40AM Off Campus - On Line 01		PHYS 1433 - OL56 Lecture 10:00AM - 11:40AM Off Campus - On Line 01	
11:00AM			ECON 2505ID - OL70 Lecture 11:30AM - 2:00PM Off Campus - On Line 01		
12:00PM		PHYS 1433 - OL95 Laboratory 12:00PM - 1:40PM Off Campus - On Line 01			
1:00PM					
2:00PM		ENG 1101 - OL42 Lecture 2:15PM - 3:55PM Off Campus - On Line 01		ENG 1101 - OL42 Lecture 2:15PM - 3:55PM Off Campus - On Line 01	
3:00PM					
4:00PM					
5:00PM					
6:00PM		PSY 1101 - OL73 Lecture 6:00PM - 8:30PM Off Campus - On Line 01			
7:00PM					
8:00PM					
9:00PM					

What does this schedule look like compared to your HS schedule?

What assumptions might you make based on those differences?

**Do you really have  
all that free time  
now??**

**One of the hardest parts of  
college is BALANCING  
everything—your  
courses, your assignments,  
and the rest of your life.**

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# Question

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**How many hours will you spend  
in class and doing work for class in  
one semester?**

**Answer:**

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**Over 600 hours!**

**That's a lot of hours!**

**Let's break it down week by week.**

# The Breakdown

- **15 credits each semester**
- **many classes are 3 credits**
- **often, 15 credits means 5 courses (but not always)**
- **1 credit = approximately 1 hour in class each week**

**15 credits = roughly 15 hours in class each week**

**for each hour in class, budget 2 hours for homework and studying**

**15 credits = roughly 30 hours of work outside of class each week**

**so when taking 15 credits, you should expect to spend about 45 hours each week just on school**

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# Math Time!

(But don't worry, you can use  
your calculator for this.)

How many hours a week do you  
spend doing...

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**Think back again to the answers you gave on your “Learning Profile” Questions.**

**What times of the day are the best time for you to study? What can you do to make sure you’re available during those times?**

# How do I learn?

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**How do you learn something new?**

**How do you practice a new skill?**

**What are the best practices and habits  
to help you learn?**

**How can you take charge  
of your own learning?**

**Take time to discuss these questions as a class or in small groups.**

**What is my Learning Plan?**

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Based on all you have learned today,  
take time to write down **three or more  
practices or habits** you will incorporate  
into your study routine.

Why did you choose them? Why do you  
think they will help you?

# **BE OPEN TO LEARNING HOW TO LEARN**

**The definition of futility is doing them same thing over and over, but expecting different results.**

**Successful learners adjust their practices to improve their outcomes.**

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# Recap

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# Before Session 4...

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Complete Reflection on OpenLab by replying to Reflection #3 Post.

Read the following quote by Dr. Pamela Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs:

**“Learning is a source of hope for a better future. It requires hard work and sacrifice which can be even more difficult in challenging times. Your time in college is also your opportunity to connect with others, lift your spirit, enrich your life, and develop the skills and knowledge to make a difference in your community.”**

Choose a question below and write a reflection in the comment box below this post.

- What life experiences have prepared me for college?
- When I have been faced with a difficult situation, what strategies did I use to find a solution?
- How will I create positive academic habits for myself?

Read and comment on another student’s post. These are your classmates; encourage them to work towards their goals!

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