Leeward Community College

Top Ten Tips for First Year Students

Tip #1: Go To Class and Be On Time
Your attendance requirements may widely vary from class to class. Your instructors have prepared for each lesson and expect your presence. In turn, do all of your assignment to the best of your ability and come to every class fully prepared.

Tip #2: Learn About and Use Campus Resources
Leeward Community College offers many services designed to insure student success. Locate resources that will support your learning such as the Math Lab, Learning Resource Center, Student Activities, Financial Aid, the Job Prep Center and the Counseling Office and use them frequently.

Tip #3: Know the College Has Academic Rules
Be a responsible participant in your education and become familiar with policies and procedures that govern the college environment. Policies can be found in the college catalog, LCC web page and in the schedule of courses printed each semester. Do not become one of those students who may say “But no one told me… “

Tip #4: Budget Your Time
College studies will require a new set of expectations and study time will need to be evaluated. Be familiar with your course syllabus and organize important dates for tests and papers in a semester calendar. The general rule for study is to allow for twice the time spent in class. Write down your goals and plan your week and review your commitment regularly.

Tip #5: Realize That Being A Student Is Often A Full Time Job
Success in college is unlikely if a student works hard only one day a week and expects good grades. Focus on good academic habits, social skills, and balancing priorities. College is a time to develop solid skills that are expected in your chosen career after graduation.
Tip #6: Get to Know Your Professors
Leeward Community College has a strong reputation for outstanding faculty that are committed to assisting students to succeed. Get to know your professors and meet them at their office hours. Your instructors will evaluate your work, provide honest feedback to be successful in class and help you navigate the college experience.

Tip #7: Become Part Of Campus And The Community
A complete college experience is far greater than studying, going to class, writing papers and taking tests. Leeward Community College offers a wide range of co-curricular activities that enhance the overall college experience. Service learning in the community may be requirement in certain classes and is a personal benefit as well.

Tip #8: Learn To Communicate In and Out Of The Classroom
There is no such thing as a dumb question. Chances are that your classmates may not understand the course material either. Learning to ask questions is a skill. Ask questions, volunteer for activities, answer questions! Also, develop a support network, ask your classmates to partner with you if you miss class, to share notes and to create a study team.

Tip #9: You Are In College For Your Education
Students may let others decide what classes to take, what major to choose, and what career to enter. Taking responsibility for decisions that benefit your future allows for greater personal satisfaction and determines your character.

Tip #10: Be Patient and Honest With Yourself
College will present many new challenges. Learn to be patient with your self and others and be able to function in demanding and stressful situations. Be determined learn from mistakes and to solve issues with resolve and purpose.