



TIPS TUESDAY

Advising and Counseling Department

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Normandale Diversity Center

TOPIC:

How to navigate successfully through college during COVID-19

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AGENDA:

Introductions (Njia and Chiharu)

Participant introductions

WHAT CHALLENGES ARE YOU EXPERIENCING WITH VIRTUAL LEARNING?

(10 minutes) Breakout pairs participants introduce themselves and share with partner. Each person takes 5 minutes. Birth month order.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS: Explain advising in a college setting – Provide tips

- MEET WITH ADVISORS and COUNSELORS – relationship, each semester, develop your plan – [Advising & Counseling Website](#) offers appointments and Express Advising
- PLAN EARLY – REGISTER EARLY (Wish List courses – know your registration window)
- DO SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY – CHALLENGE YOURSELF – Join a club, take an elective...
- COMMUNICATE AND MEET WITH [YOUR INSTRUCTORS!](#)
- SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE RESOURCES: Tutoring, PASS, Campus Cupboard, [Student Resource Center](#), Mental Health Services, Career Exploration
- ASK FOR, SEEK OUT and RECEIVE HELP – *for whatever you need*

WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS TO GETTING HELP? Let's brainstorm for 5 minutes. Culture, upbringing, shame, pride, feeling overwhelmed, mistrust and skeptical, past experiences with microaggressions.



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COURSE REGISTRATION TIPS

Top 10 Myths about College Registration (Hint: None of these are true!)

- 1) I need to pass my current classes first before I register for the next semester
- 2) I have to do my FAFSA for financial aid BEFORE I register
- 3) I need to know my exact work schedule in order to register for classes
- 4) I can figure it out on my own. I don't need to see an advisor before registration starts
- 5) It doesn't matter when you register as long as you do it before the classes begin
- 6) If I don't have the money to pay for classes, therefore, I can't register yet
- 7) I am planning to transfer next semester so I don't need to register at Normandale
- 8) I must have childcare arrangements before I can register
- 9) Registration happens and then it's over – I missed it!
- 10) I just need wait until I am sure about...

Do's and Don'ts of Registration

Don't wait!!!!!! Register as soon as your date/registration window opens.

Don't try to figure it out on your own or with your friends

Do see an advisor for planning prior to registration

(Proper **advising and planning** make registration easy)

Do register early – understand priority registration dates

Do research your courses, instructors, and figure out the best options for you

Do decide what course structure is best for you: Synchronous vs. Asynchronous classes

Do make changes in your course schedule as needed

Navigating [eServices](#)

- View your Academic Record to Request a Degree Audit.
- Understand the Degree Audit – How do I figure out what classes to take?
- Schedule with an advisor for academic planning.
- Get a plan prior to Registering.
- Know your Registration Window. Check Holds. Be sure your balance is paid.
- Put possible courses in Wish List until you register.

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