



Advice from real college students

We asked real college students: If you could offer one piece of advice to a student entering the first year of college, what would it be? Here's what they said.

Advice: Utilize the college's resources. After completing my first year of studies I realized that I had the time and energy, and definitely the need, to obtain a part-time job. I initially found it difficult to find work that would accommodate my class schedule so I turned to Durham College. The academic advisors directed me to Career Services. I was provided with access to hundreds of job postings throughout Durham Region including positions with the school through the Ontario Work Study Program. These jobs allowed me to work on-campus for the college I was attending. I was able to earn a necessary income without interfering with my studies.
- Stephen Burley, *Second Year Business Administration, Operations Management, Durham College*

Advice: I wish I knew that stepping out of the classroom to take advantage of extra curricular activities would be beneficial to my academic success. I've been able to maintain honors and still build positive experiences outside of the classroom at Humber. Getting involved in campus life has also strengthened my leadership and communication skills.
- Kezia Hinds *Bachelor of Journalism, Second Year Humber College*

Advice: I wish I had known how to prioritize my time more efficiently and surround myself with the right people. I had been on a three-year academic hiatus prior to attending Humber College and the discipline I had cultivated in university had just about dissipated. For me this was a case of sink or swim. Internally, I knew that in order to succeed I had to push away any distractions but, despite this frame of mind, I wasn't able to accomplish it as well as I had hoped for. My advice is this: surround yourself with people who want to succeed.
- Juan Lemus-Lavarreda, *Bachelor of Commerce: Accounting, Second Year, Humber College*