

LITTLE HINTS To Use With Your STUDENTS

Advising Edition

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Providing little hints throughout the semester can help your students succeed. Use the content on this printable to provide a new tip for your students each week during your regular class session. Some tips have suggestions for you in parenthesis. You may use this list as written or you may pick and choose which tips to use based on your specific class demographics.

Week 1

Ensure your class registration is final, inquire about wait lists if needed, and introduce yourself to your academic advisor.

Week 2

Identify the office hours on your syllabi for each class and keep the list handy for when you need them!

Week 3

Find a good study space on campus that works for you. Spaces include your residence hall/apartment, the library, and outside some classrooms. There are a lot of great spaces around campus!

Week 4

Check on your current grade and attendance for each class. If you missed assignments or quizzes can you make them up? What else can you do to get back on track?

Week 5

Have you sent or received any emails from your advisor yet? If not, now is a great time to have an initial meeting to start to discuss your interests in the major.

Week 6

Learn about academic organizations to get involved with for your major. (Highlight a few that are relevant to your department or program.)

Week 7

Browse your major department's webpage – view faculty bios and learn about their research interests. Can you get involved with their research or other opportunities? (Share a few minutes about something you are working on and how undergrads have been or could get involved.)

Week 8

Midterm of the semester – check in with faculty members again and prepare for midterms. Look ahead for any big final projects.

Week 9

Take a look at your [Degree Map](#) and familiarize yourself with the academic requirements for your major. You can plan a tentative list of classes to discuss with your advisor. (<https://ndsudm.civitaslearning.com/>)

Week 10

Think about Spring registration and meet with your academic advisor.

Week 11

Take note of your current grade in the class and remaining work. Do you need to consider a withdraw from the course? Discuss options with your instructor and advisor. (Put a note on the syllabus/weekly tip that you are willing and open to chat. Students may need the reminder it's okay to visit.)

Week 12

Check your Campus Connection account for any holds that may prevent timely registration for next semester. (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/connect/holds>)

Week 13

Register for classes as close to your assigned registration time for best availability of classes and class times. (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/registration/registering>)

Week 14

Put together a study plan for final exams.

Week 15

Make use of any study sessions offered. (List study sessions for your class.)

Week 16

Reflect on how the semester went and what adjustments you might want to make.

Inspired by a We Learn Together Blog post titled, Being First, in which a student named Hajira greatly benefitted from the little hints her instructor gave. [Read about Hajira and other first generation students >>](#) (<https://www.dce.ndsu.nodak.edu/otlweb/blog/being-first/>)

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