

Commit to Strong Academic Performance

You have been fortunate enough to pursue a college degree, and you will want to maintain a commitment to doing well in your courses. You will be exposed to a variety of subjects and concepts, many of which can influence your understanding of yourself and the world around you. Be open to receiving that information as a part of your personal growth and to taking advantage of all campus resources that promote your academic success. As you advance through your education, you will find opportunities to pursue scholarships or paid internships. For many of those, a minimum GPA is required (typically at least 3.0), and you do not want to minimize your options in the future by discounting the importance of doing well in your courses. Keep focused and you will make yourself competitive for fantastic opportunities! Below are some steps you can take to promote strong academic performance.

- Sign up for sessions available through the **CSUB Tutoring Program** (bit.ly/2M62lSh). Additionally, the **BPA Student Tutoring Center** offers tutoring for key courses in Accounting, Finance, and Economics. Tutoring sessions are a great opportunity to get clarification on concepts and to work closely with classmates as you prepare for upcoming exams. Do not wait until you are feeling overwhelmed to attend a tutoring session. If a course offers tutoring, consider attending these sessions from the beginning of the term, as a way to reinforce what you learn in each class session.
- Schedule an appointment with a tutor at the **Writing Resource Center** (www.csub.edu/wrc/). Writing will be critical to everything you do as a professional in your career, and employers will expect that anyone they hire is able to communicate effectively through written word. You want to ensure that your writing skills develop appropriately so that you are able to express yourself confidently from the moment you begin your career.
- **Meet with your professor** during office hours to ask for any assistance they can offer to support your efforts to do well in their course. Often, professors can provide clarification on material that was covered in lecture and can offer ideas for how to best approach the assigned readings. You should not feel any concern about attending office hours and asking a professor for help. Remember, they enjoy talking about the subjects they teach!
- Regularly seek support from your **academic advisor** to ensure you are on a path toward academic success and completion of your degree. In circumstances where you do find yourself feeling overwhelmed, your advisor can be a helpful person for you to speak with and can direct you to additional campus resources.