Academic Success Checklist

1	 Check Blackboard before your first class meetings. Make sure your preferred email address in SOLAR is correct. Read and print out syllabi, bring to class. Attend class meetings, ask questions if anything is unclear. Evaluate your schedule—are you unsure about any classes? Buy your books. 	
2	 Speak to an advisor before you make changes to your schedule. Stay aware of all important academic dates and deadlines. Start off on the right foot—stay on top of your readings/assignments 	
3-5	 As you get acclimated to your courses, think about your study habits. If you are struggling, try one of the following options: Visit your professor, instructor, or TA during office hours. Go to a tutoring center or the Writing Center 	
6-7	 Midterms may be happening now or soon—prepare yourself! Do you know how you are doing in class? If not, contact your professor. If you are doing poorly, take action and utilize resources right away. Take a break; make sure you are taking some downtime for yourself. 	
8-9	 Reflect: Which classes are you doing well in and enjoying? Are these your major classes? If you are struggling in your major classes and not enjoying them, think about other options. As you get your midterm grades, evaluate how well you did. Is your grade what you expected? If not, think about how you could improve for next time—think about modifying your study habits and/or see a tutor. 	
10	 Speak with your academic advisor and major advisor in preparation for next semester scheduling. Begin thinking about which classes you want to take for next semester. 	
11- 15	 Continue your improved study habits and visits to tutoring departments and/or office hours through the final stretch of the semester. Register for classes for next semester, visit your advisor again or ask your 101 instructor if you need help or have any questions. Gear up for finals week! 	