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HOW TO ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS THROUGH TUTORING

Between school, jobs, homework and exams, it can be difficult for students to keep track of their academic progress. When looking for additional support, scholars can get the most up-to-date tutoring information from academic advisers. Although classes are being conducted virtually, online tutoring through school or additional support services can help you stay the course during the semester. OMD Staff and our partner, Wyzant, support our scholars through weekly and monthly tutoring appointments for students who need academic help. With consistent appointments, OMD has seen scholar GPAs improve over time.

This 'how-to' guide on how to achieve academic success through tutoring gives steps that students can take to gain additional academic support through tutoring.

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ABOUT ONE MILLION DEGREES

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Utilize school resources

Connect with your academic adviser on how to find a tutor.

- Consider emailing your adviser to ask for a link or list of supports that can pair you with a tutor.
- Use the provided list to schedule a meeting with a tutor that aligns with what you need.
- Email the tutor to set up an appointment. This will show that you are proactive in wanting additional support.

Schedule your first tutoring session

Assess where you need additional support in school.

- Do an overview of your class schedule and grades to see what areas of study you want to improve.
- Check your syllabus for future assignments so you can plan your schedule for the semester and think through potential questions to see where you may need your tutor’s support.
- Review old tests and quizzes with your tutor. Revisiting former assignments creates opportunity to learn the right answer.

Set a goal

Tutoring relationships take time to develop. Write down one to three goals you want to achieve so both parties can work toward the common goal.

- Write out goals for the class you want support for before your sessions start.
- Work with your tutor to build a plan around the areas you need help with. Having a plan can make sessions more efficient.
- Communicate your needs. Let your tutor know what pace you work at and if you need additional explanations for certain content.

Follow Up

Creating a schedule for additional tutoring sessions can help keep you organized with your workload.

- Write down what was covered in your session. Revisiting the material throughout the week can help create and maintain new study habits.
- Make note of questions you and your tutor stumbled upon that you can ask your professor about for further explanation.
- Add your next appointment time in your calendar and create a meeting invite for your tutor as a reminder.