

Introduction.

Welcome to Temple College's online New Student Orientation. The first year is the most important year for all college students. In order to be successful during your first year, it's important that you learn the ropes quickly. The quicker that you understand how things work at TC, the better off you'll be. Temple College will get you ready for your next step, whether that next step is to transfer to a university or to enter into the workforce-your Success Starts Here! Make sure that you have a piece of paper and pen available so you can take notes, there will be a quiz at the end of this orientation.....

Let's start by debunking a few myths about college.

1. The first one is that college is like high school. WRONG the only similarity between high school and college is that you have classrooms and books. In college you will be expected to, manage your time and responsibilities on your own. You are responsible for you, no one else.
2. You don't have to go to class...This is totally incorrect! If you don't go to class, you will not pass! This should be very simple to understand.
3. You will finish in 2-4 years...This too is wrong, if you are a fulltime student who takes 12 credit hours a semester, you will not finish TC in 2 years or a university in 4 years. In fact, most students that do finish in that time frame take at least 15 credit hours each semester PLUS they attend summer school.
4. And finally, FREEDOM! Freedom is a myth and it is not all that it's cracked up to be. You will be free to make your own choices, both good and bad. If you choose not to go to class, study, and do your homework, you will not be successful. Yes you are free to make your own choices so try to make smart choices.....

Quickly learning the ropes on campus will help you transition into college.....

1. You need to learn about TC's policies.
2. Learn what's expected of you.
3. Learn to use your online tools.
4. Learn how to manage your time. This is one of the most important things that you have to figure out. You will not have someone forcing you to do anything in class. There are a lot of Black Holes that will suck up your valuable time. Remember, regardless of how rich or poor a person is; we all have the same amount of time to work with, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All successful people know how to manage their time effectively!
5. Finally check your EMAIL! Make sure that you check your TC email every day. Check it before, during, and after each semester! This is also one of the most important things that you have to learn. Your email is the main source of contact that you will have with the school. YOU WILL FIND YOUR TC EMAIL ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE. CLICK ON "CONNECT" THEN EMAIL AND YOU WILL BE TAKEN TO THE STUDENT SIGN IN PAGE. YOUR TC EMAIL ADDRESS AND USERNAME IS YOUR LAST NAME, FIRST INITIAL, AND LAST 3 NUMBERS OF YOUR STUDENT ID, followed by "@STU.TEMPLEJC.EDU" YOUR PASSWORD IS AN UPPERCASE "T" LOWERCASE "C" AND YOUR FULL DATE OF BIRTH. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS FEBRUARY 3RD 1974 THEN YOU ENTER "UPPERCASE T LOWER CASE C AND 02031974.

Now let's take a look at some of TC's policies.....

The Course add/drop policy. You will only be allowed to make schedule changes during the first two days of each semester. Any drop that is made before the 12th day of the semester (also known as Census Day) will not show up on your transcript....

Next up is the Attendance policy....TC does have an attendance policy. You are only allowed 4 absences during a long semester. If you do exceed 4 absences in a class, you could be dropped without warning; if you are enrolled in a once a week hybrid or evening class, you could be dropped after the second absence. As a reminder, there are no excused absences at TC. You must go to class on the First Day. If you do not, you will be reported as a No Show and could be dropped.....

Financial Aid

Disbursement of any grant or scholarship funds will be on the 30th day of class....Student loans will be disbursed in 3 equal payments beginning on the 30th day of class....Finally you must understand the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirement. You are required to complete 67% of all class attempted and maintain a 2.0 GPA in order to remain in good standing with Financial Aid.

Now let's take a look at what's expected of you...

1. You are expected to be in class and be present. Being present means actively engaging in the learning process. You're paying attention, asking questions, and taking notes. Don't just sit there like a lump on a log!
2. Be prepared. Don't show up without doing your outside reading or homework. Have your books, paper, pens, and highlighter ready to go!
3. Be on time! This should be self-explanatory.
4. Check your syllabus from each class. Your professor will explain precisely what is expected of you.
5. Finally, CHECK your email!

TC has many Resources available to you. Take a look at some of the resources listed here. Each one is designed to provide guidance, tutoring, academic support, social support, and financial support to our students. Visit each one of these resources either through our website or plan a trip to these departments. You are not in this alone, we are here to help!.....

Next up is Student Accommodations.....If you have a physical, mental, or learning impairment that limits your ability to succeed in the classroom, visit our Student Accommodations office. After following the proper procedures to document your impairment, you will receive in-class, mandatory help! Contact the Office of Student Accommodations for more details.....

Here are a few simple strategies to manage your time effectively.....

1. Use a master calendar. It will help keep you organized!
2. Schedule your study time. Just like all of you have a class schedule to follow and some of you have a work schedule, set a study schedule. In many cases, when we have a schedule" to follow, we will make every attempt to stick to that schedule.

3. Turn off your devices. Turn off your phones, TV's, and computers. You cannot be disturbed while you are studying.....which brings us to number 4
4. Eliminate Black Holes of time. A black hole in time is basically anything that sucks up your time, leaving you to wonder "where did all my time go?" No Facebooking, tweeting, snapchatting, or net surfing. You could easily lose 2-6 hours OR MORE PER DAY.
5. Finally Learn to Say No. If someone asks you to do something but you know you have to go to class, do homework, or study, tell them NO! Trust me, they will get over it.....

Ok, let's take a look at the Academic Standards....TC is on a 4 point grading system. Meaning a 4.0 is an A, a 3.0 is a B, a 2.0 is a C, a 1.0 is a D, and of course a 0.0 is an F.... There are two types of GPA's, semester and cumulative....Both your semester and cumulative GPA's must be a 2.0 in order to be in good standing.

If your semester or cumulative GPA is below a 2.0, you will be placed on academic probation...If both GPA's fall below a 2.0, you will be placed on academic suspension...You must maintain a 2.0 GPA to receive your certificate or degree from Temple College.....

Leopard Alert...This is TC's emergency notification system....You will be alerted via text message and email in the event of an emergency situation on campus....Sign up is free and is located under "resources" on the TC website. Make sure that you sign up today!.....

The administration, faculty, and staff at TC is dedicated to providing you with a safe and drug free learning environment. We have a full time Police department on campus that serve and protects this campus. Lets take a look at some of our safety policies.....

Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs policy.....Alcoholic beverages will not be consumed on campus....No tobacco products on campus, including e-cigarettes or Vaporizers.....illegal drug use is prohibited on campus.....if caught you may be subject to a fine or arrest by the Temple College Police.....

Title IX...is a comprehensive federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity....Our policy provide protection against sexual harassment which include sexual violence.....and protection against gender-based discrimination or harassment.....Contact the Title IX Coordinator for more details.....

Another important aspect of Title IX is the pregnancy/parenting protection.....it provides protection for students who miss class or assignments due to pregnancy and childbirth.....The Title IX policy is located in the Student Handbook....Students must contact the Title IX Deputy Coordinator to set up these services.....

UNDERSTAND COLLEGE IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL. IT IS NOT EASY, IF IT WAS, EVERYONE WOULD HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE. BUT IF YOU TAKE THIS INFORMATION TO HEART, YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL...SEE YOU AT GRADUATION!

That concludes the New Student Orientation. I hope you paid attention and took notes. Now you must complete the following quiz. You must earn a 70% or higher to generate your Certificate of Completion.