Use this checklist during your first year of college to help you stay on track.

- **Maintain good study habits.** In college, it’s important to schedule adequate study time. Download [The Perfect 10 Study Habits](https://UCanGo2.org) at UCanGo2.org for some great tips.

- **Use a planner.** Writing down the major dates for classes will make coursework more manageable.

- **Consider your interests.** How could your interests, skills, and values connect you to potential careers? Take the “Learn about yourself” assessments at OKcollegestart.org to review career options that may be right for you.

- **Look for opportunities.** Most campuses post job shadow and internship opportunities on their websites and in campus bulletins. While you’re walking around campus, be sure to look for information about these opportunities.

- **Participation is key.** You can meet new people and gain great experience by getting involved with campus clubs and organizations.

- **Remember your resume.** Keep track of your awards and volunteer work. Add them to your resume with the Resume Builder on OKcollegestart.org.

- **Search for money.** Continue looking for scholarships. Check out UCanGo2’s Scholarships page and OKcollegestart’s Find Scholarships for upcoming deadlines. Also, see if your school offers any department-specific or major-specific scholarships.

- **Use office hours.** If a certain college major interests you, talk about it with department professors during their office hours. Building relationships with those in your field will enrich your college experience.
Check with an advisor. Visit your academic advisor to see if you’re taking the right classes for your major and career goals.

Interview others. Explore a certain career by interviewing someone who works in that field. Use the Explore Careers tool at OKcollegestart.org to learn more about your specific job interests.

Work wisely. If you’re considering a part-time job, be sure it will work with your class calendar. Try working a campus job—these positions are usually compatible with a student schedule.

Visit the career center. It’s okay to be unsure about your college major. Your school’s career center may have some assessments that could steer you in the right direction.

Walk the career fair. Attending career fairs will give you great exposure to various careers. Check your campus email for upcoming fairs.

Consider a different course. Enroll in classes that are interesting to you. Freshman year is a good time to take introductory courses that will give you an overview of specific subjects.

Summertime options. Spend some time planning your summer activities. You can have a fun summer while exploring career options through internships, study programs, or unique summer jobs.