

# Keys to Academic Success

*Tips for understanding GPA, academic policies & strategies for academic success*

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# Your GRADES!!

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GPAs you  
need to  
know



Term GPA



Overall Combined  
GPA



Institution GPA

# WHERE CAN I FIND MY GPA?



**Transcript  
(Official or  
Unofficial)**



**UM Degree**



**Navigate**

# What are Term, Overall Combined, and Institution GPAs?



**Term GPA-** based only on class you take in a particular semester (Fall, Spring, or Summer)



**Overall Combined GPA-** based on ALL grades that you have earned your ENTIRE career at the University of Memphis INCLUDING transfer work.



**Institution GPA-** based only on class you have taken at the University of Memphis

# Why are GPAs Important?



Scholarships



Academic Recognitions



Eligibility to join certain organizations



They determine your Academic Status



Graduation!



# UofM Repeat Policy



You can repeat the class once, and the second grade will replace your first grade.



The third time you take a course, the grade will be averaged with the second grade.



For most academic departments, you can only take a course 3 times. For some majors, you must change your major if you fail a class 3 times.

# What if I Drop or Withdraw from a Class?

## DROP

- Drop period is usually the first couple of weeks of the semester\*
- Will not appear on your transcript
- No grades assigned and will NOT impact GPA

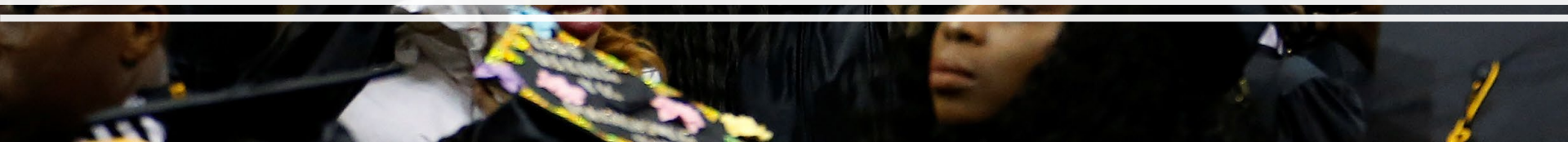
## WITHDRAW

- Withdrawal usually immediately after Drop period and last until just after fall/spring break\*
- Will appear on your transcript as a “W”
- Will NOT impact GPA

*\*See the UofM Registrar's Website for Official Dates and Deadlines*



**Graduation is the Goal**





# Transcript Reading

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# Be an Engaged Student

**Statisticians have provide data that suggest that students who are more engaged and involved on campus have greater probability for academic success.**

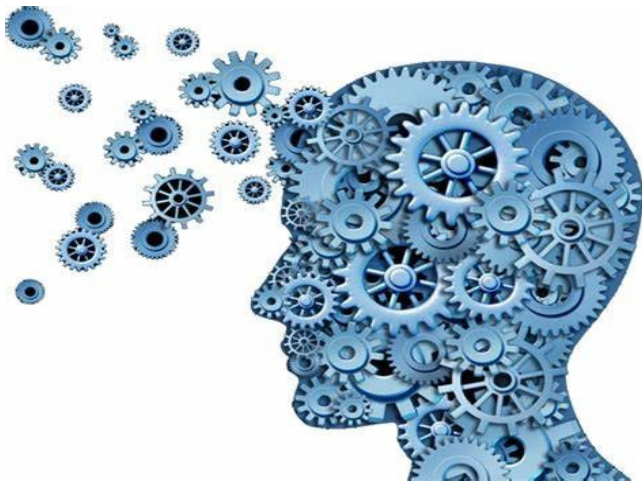


# Attend Class

**College isn't free! You're wasting money each time you miss a class.**



**Class is where you get the information that will be on homework, exams, etc.**



**Engage in class discussions & Ask Questions**



# Review Syllabi

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## Reviewing your Syllabi prior to the start of courses:

- Give you a snapshot of what to expect in your course (*i.e. required assignments, timeline – dates & due dates*)
- Helps you analyze whether you have overloaded yourself with too many **HEAVY** courses
- Assists with organizing your semester

# Be Prepared

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Make an honest effort to have ALL books, access codes, & materials for class before class starts.

# Game Plan

## **“Keep That Same ENGERY”**

- Keep feeding the motivation that you start with

## **Prioritize**

- Decide what’s most important and discipline yourself to stay focused and complete tasks
  - Work/Life/School Balance

**Ensure that your professor knows your name and you know theirs**

*“I can give you the best academic strategies for success; however, you have no time to yourself, burnout and lost of passion is inevitable.”*

# “Who Ya Wit?”



# **“Who Ya Wit?”**

**There are studies and research that show that romantic relationships have an impact on academic success.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



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# Questions?

