

Applying Learner Talents in Academics

These insights and action ideas can help you apply Learner talents to achieve in various aspects of your academic life.

General Academic Life

- Keep a journal in which you reflect on what you learned from your classes and other experiences.
- Read outside material that is related to your courses. This approach will not only impress the professor; it also will help you develop a better understanding of the subject.
- Exceed expectations. Do more than the syllabus requires of you.
- Look at every situation as a possible learning experience. This approach will help you become aware of what you do well and where you need help.
- Always ask, "What did I learn from this?"

Study Techniques

- Join study groups that challenge you.
- Study in an environment that allows you to get into a "study mood." This approach allow you to get the most out of your studies.
- Figure out questions that will be asked, and practice answering them in preparation for discussions and exams.

Relationships

- Identify classmates who share your thirst for knowledge, and get to know them.
- Have lots of conversations on subjects you are passionate about with people who are interested in learning.
- Build relationships with those from whom you want to learn.

Class Selection

- Choose challenging courses that will broaden your knowledge base in important areas.
- Enroll in college honors and departmental honors classes.

Extracurricular Activities

- Choose on-campus jobs that will provide learning experiences, such as working as a professor's assistant.
- Don't restrict your learning experiences to the classroom. Engage in activities in which you can expand your knowledge about subject that interest you most.
- Find opportunities to work with faculty and teaching assistants to make your college experience more meaningful. It will deepen your understanding of intellectual topics, concepts, and principles.