

Campus Life

Studying isn't over yet; expect four more years of it

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Freshmen, you have just come out of the glory days of high school—where you studied for four years straight (or so it seemed) just to make it into college, where your teachers crammed that “I’m preparing you for college, so write this 10-page paper on ‘Why mosquitoes breed in puddles of mud?’” message down your throats. You’ve made it. Your quest is complete.

Or is it?

Despite all myths, college is not just a chance to live away from home, meet new people and (LADIES) get your MRS

degree. It is more than that. While it affords us many of these and other opportunities and benefits, college is about pursuing knowledge, found in the academic classroom and in the life experiences that only college offers.

In the pursuit of academic knowledge, studying (gasp!) is a must. You may ask, “Study? What’s that?” Yes, freshman, studying is a part of the college experience. Coming from a true nerd, let me give you some valuable advice that may just save your life—or at least keep you in school.

• **Don’t be afraid of the library!** Yes, it is musty and always cold no matter the tem-

perature outside, but you will soon learn that studying human biology and western civ. in your dorm room is almost impossible. The library offers us a quiet place, void of many distractions.

• **Try to take legible notes in class;** you will thank yourself later (i.e. the night before the big test, when you are frantically trying to understand who Charlemagne is).

• **Don’t leave studying to the last minute.** I know this sounds really familiar (your mom, maybe?), but it’s definitely true. If you know a big test is coming up, start reviewing the material now.

• **Avoid those “all-**

nights” we as college students are famous for. Some of us (me!) just don’t last all night and cannot continue to retain information past a certain point. In essence, get to know yourself and pay attention to the conditions of your best study times.

• **If you don’t understand something, talk to your professor.** Our professors at GWU are great about their willingness to talk to their students and re-explain class material.

• **Discover your learning style.** Some students benefit from rewriting their notes to study the information. Other students need to discuss the material with a study group to remember the topic.

• **Be your own mama!**

What I mean is, your mom isn’t here to remind when to study, so you’re going to do the job yourself. Remember why you are here and make sure you take the required measures to stay at our beloved institution in good academic standing.

• **Take breaks!** Interrupt those intense study sessions with a break now and then—studying won’t be as monotonous and it will help you to stay focused. Despite the implied message of this article, college can be fun; it’s not all about studying all the time.

Football

8/31	Morgan State	6 p.m.	9/2	Troy State Un.	3 p.m.
9/7	Georgia Southern	7 p.m.	9/6	Centenary U.	TBA
9/14	E. Tenn. St.	6 p.m.	9/7	S.C. State Univ.	TBA
9/21	U. of Tenn-Chatt.	7 p.m.	9/10	Liberty Univ.	4 p.m.
9/28	Liberty Univ.	7 p.m.	9/13	Nicholls State	TBA
10/12	Elon Univ.	TBA	9/15	Southern Miss. U.	TBA
10/26	Fla. Inter'l U.	3:30 p.m.	9/19	Jacksonville Univ.	TBA
11/2	U. Tenn.-Martin	1:30p.m.	9/21	Stetson Univ.	4 p.m.
11/9	Charleston Sou.	1:30p.m.	9/24	Samford	4 p.m.
11/16	Savannah St.	1:30p.m.	9/29	Jacksonville St. U.	4 p.m.
			10/2	Charleston Southern U.	4 p.m.
			10/9	UNC-Asheville	4 p.m.
			10/17	Georgia St. Univ.	2 p.m.
			10/19	Mercer	5 p.m.
			10/24	Belmont	3 p.m.
			10/27	U. of Central Fla.	2 p.m.
			10/30	Campbell Univ.	7 p.m.
			11/2	Florida Atlantic Univ.	2 p.m.
			11/7-9	Atlantic Sun Confer. Tourney	

Cross Country

9/7	Eye Opener Invitational
9/27	Great American Cross County Festival
10/4	Danielchapterone/GWU Collegiate Invitational
10/12	N.C. Intercollegiate Cross County Champ/NCAA S.E. Region Previw
11/2	Atlantic Sun Conference Championships
11/16	NCAA Southeast Regional Championships
11/25	NCAA Cross County National Championships

Volleyball

8/30-31	Winthrop Tourney	TBA
9/3	NC A&T	6 p.m.
9/6-7	Furman Tourney	
9/9	Belmont	6 p.m.
9/10	The Citadel	7 p.m.
9/13-14	Samford Tourney	TBA
9/20-21	Boston College Tourney	
9/27	Georgia State	7 p.m.
10/1	Campbell	7 p.m.
10/4	Jacksonville Univ.	7:30 p.m.
10/5	Stetson	7 p.m.
10/10	Florida Atlantic	7 p.m.
10/12	U. of Central Fla.	7 p.m.
10/14	Mercer	7 p.m.
10/19	Troy State	2 p.m.
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11/5	Winthrop	7 p.m.
11/15-16	Atlantic Sun Tourney	TBA

Men's Soccer

8/30	Mount St. Mary	2 p.m.
9/1	U. of Maryland	4 p.m.
9/5	Winthrop Univ.	4:30 p.m.
9/8	Virginia Tech	3 p.m.
9/14	Mercer Univ.	7 p.m.
9/19	Clemson Univ.	7 p.m.
9/21	UNC-Wilmington	2 p.m.
9/25	Georgia State Univ.	4 p.m.
9/27	Wofford	4 p.m.
9/30	Belmont Univ.	4 p.m.
10/3	Charleston Southern U.	4 p.m.
10/7	Stetson Univ.	3:30 p.m.
10/12	Florida Atlantic Univ.	4 p.m.
10/14	Jacksonville Univ.	4 p.m.
10/19	Campbell	2 p.m.
10/22	The Citadel	3:30 p.m.
10/26	Liberty Univ.	TBA
10/29	Wake Forest University	7 p.m.
10/31	U. of Central Florida	4 p.m.
11/3	UNC-Asheville	3 p.m.
11/15-16	Atlantic Sun Conference Tourney	

Women's Soccer

8/27	East Tenn. St.	TBA
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