Top 10 at FCC

1. Be prepared to spend time finding a parking. There are almost 30,000 students and only 3,000 parking spots. Get here REALLY early the first two weeks (like, 2 hours). As the semester goes along, it gets better.

2. Don’t wait until the last minute to buy your books. 1) You want to try and get a cheap, used book. 2) The bookstore is super busy the first couple weeks of the semester.

3. Keep your receipts! Parking pass receipts, book receipts, and registration receipts can come in handy when unexpected things happen (i.e. you lose your parking pass, you drop a class, etc.)

4. Don’t wait until you’re falling behind to get help. See a counselor, go to the Tutorial Center, visit Health and Student Services, or the Financial Aid office for any issue you may be having. If you’ve got a problem, FCC has services to help.

5. Don’t be afraid to contact your instructor. Ask questions, tell your instructor if you can’t make it to class – basically, take initiative!

6. Get involved in student life. There are clubs, student government, athletics, on-campus employment, and much more. Not only do you gain knowledge about FCC, you also meet new people and make contacts that might be useful in the future.

7. Take advantage of the online services. FCC offers online counseling, online classes, online forms (like applications for financial aid, transfers, etc.), and online tutoring. You can find lots of info on Webadvisor and save yourself time and money (not to mention parking).

8. Know where you stand. Know what your grades are, what is due, what you need to do to improve. Know how many units you have, and what you need before your transfer or graduate. Set a timeline; meet with a counselor who can help you do this. Don’t let yourself be surprised.

9. Familiarize yourself with the campus BEFORE the first day of classes. Don’t wander around aimlessly trying to locate a building – get a map and figure out how long it takes to get from class to class.

10. Don’t spread yourself too thin. Don’t take more units than you can handle; remember your homework will interfere with work and home life. Make time for studying and prioritize. Set small, manageable, realistic goals – don’t try to do everything at once.