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Pace yourself!

With all that is new and exciting about being at a new institution, it’s tempting to burn the candle at both ends between your studying and socializing. That is, until everyone runs out of steam around Thanksgiving, and ends up fighting colds and the flu (or worse) during the last month of classes and final exams. You’re planning to be here more than one semester, right? You’ll have plenty of time to fit in all the work and play that you want!

Take out the syllabus for each class

You remember, the ones that you saved back in September? Using the section in the syllabus about grading, and the scores/grades you have earned on your assignments so far, figure out what your grade in the class is right now. Do you need to try something different with your studying or seek out extra help?

Find two places to study on campus

One should be for solo studying, and the other for studying with a group. Do you live on campus? NEITHER of these should be your room.

Look over your Degree Audit

Make sure that you understand all of your requirements (University, GEP, Major, Minor, etc.). Write down any questions that you have about these requirements, and bring them to your advising appointment for Spring registration.

Find out the name of your academic advisor and prepare yourself for your first registration advising appointment.

Every department works a little differently; some students will work with faculty advisors right away, while others will work with staff advisors until they reach a certain credit threshold, benchmark, or gateway for their major. Not sure how to prepare or what to bring? If your advisor doesn’t give you specific instructions, try filling out our Pre-Registration Advising Worksheet – it will help you prepare your answers to the kinds of questions that most academic advisors will ask.

# **Five Things…**

To Do in October