

## **Top 10 List for Achieving Academic Success at Bethel University**

10. Ask questions.  
Don't be intimidated. Bethel faculty love to dialogue with students and welcome your questions. You will retain more if you are engaged asking questions and reflecting on the material.
9. Talk to your professors.  
Know when their office hours are; find out how you're doing in their courses. Make yourself known to them. Bethel professors enjoy getting to know you.
8. Don't wait until the last minute.  
Begin papers, projects, and preparing for exams right away. Doing quality work often takes more time than expected. Finish papers at least a week ahead so that they can be reviewed by Writing Center tutors. This can greatly reduce your stress!
7. Go to class.  
Take notes and review notes with a friend in case you missed some details. Much of what is tested is covered in class. Get to know your classmates and make use of study groups.
6. Get to know your advisor.  
Your advisor will help you navigate your major and general education requirements. She/he will be happy to meet with you throughout your time here at Bethel.
5. Break the Bethel bubble.  
Experience a completely different culture either right here in the Twin Cities, around the nation through the Office of Campus Ministries, or internationally through study abroad opportunities. It will widen your academic perspectives and may plant a seed of ministry for future years.
4. Work to achieve a balance.  
Enjoy chapel, time with your roommates, working, and studying as you seek to balance your life as God models for us. Good time management will be needed.
3. Learn how to manage your time.  
Plan out your week, month, and semester with a balanced load of activities. Use the Semester at a Glance sheet provided by the Academic Enrichment & Support Center.
2. Read.  
Reading for courses is essential and will ensure academic success. Build in at least two to three hours of study time for each hour in class. Reading will increase your understanding and expose you to other perspectives.
1. Take advantage of support services.  
Academic Enrichment & Support Center  
Campus Ministries  
Career Services  
Counseling Services  
Disability Services  
Student Life