

10 Tips for Commuter Success

1. Practice good time-management skills. Plan on arriving at campus 15 minutes before class or work, to allow time to park and walk to your destination.
2. Keep a campus parking map in your car. Have a back up parking lot location in case your usual lot is full.
3. Get to know your professors! Visit them during their office hours. Faculty are one of your most important campus contacts.
4. Arrange your class, work and life schedules for success.
5. Get to know at least three students in each of your classes. Make sure you have each other's contact information in case you have questions on course materials.
6. Avoid making your car your second home. Instead of reading, eating and napping in your vehicle, hang out in the Student Union or study in Edens Library.
7. Know your resources! Check your e-mail and campus mailbox for updates on campus happenings, events and other important information.
8. Be involved outside of the classroom. There are over 50 student organizations. Check out the options at: www.columbiacollegesc.edu/student/activities_office.asp
9. Have conversations with your family about your study needs and home responsibilities. Set aside at least six hours of study time for every course you are taking and set healthy expectations and boundaries to support your success.
10. If you are on campus at night, contact our Campus Escort Service through the Columbia College Police Department at 803-786-3333. You will be escorted anywhere on campus so you don't have to walk alone.

CSA 2011-2012 Monthly Meetings

Tuesday, September 20

Tuesday, October 18

Tuesday, November 15

Tuesday, January 17

Tuesday, February 21

Tuesday, March 20

Tuesday, April 17

Monthly meetings are held in the Student Union B106 at 12:30 pm.

Commuter Student Appreciation on the Mall

9:00 am—11:30 am

November 17 and April 19

Please call 803-786-3663
for more information.

Commuter Student Association



Best of Both Worlds

The purpose of CSA is to inform commuter students about events on campus and in the community, and to serve as a voice for the concerns of the commuter population.



Campus Resources

Academic Skills Center: 786-3713

At Columbia College, every effort is made to help students develop their full potential. The Academic Skills Center (ASC) is an important part of that effort. Writing, reading, and study skills development is offered to all students. The Academic Skills Center is located in the lower level of the Edens Library.

Math Lab: 786-3680

The Math Lab provides a supportive learning environment for students who need mathematical assistance outside of the classroom. The Math Lab directors and student workers are available to assist students for numerous hours during the week. Students may use the Lab as a source for guidance with homework problems and class projects. The Lab also provides access to computers, calculators and resource materials for student use while in the Lab.

Library Study Rooms: 786-3716

Rita Vandiver Reference Center has *four rooms* that students, faculty and staff can use for individual and group study.

Pearce Communication Lab: 786-3118

The Pearce Communication Lab is dedicated to advancing written and oral communication skills. Students are encouraged to visit the Lab for assistance with communication classes or with any class that requires a presentation. The Lab provides students with the opportunity to perfect their public speaking skills before presenting a speech through one-on-one peer coaching and facilities that allow students to record, review and critique their own speeches.

Student Union

The Student Union is a great place to hang out or to get a meal. The 1st floor of the Union is where you can find the Dining Hall. You are able to use your meal plan, if you purchase one, or you may pay for a single meal at a time. Located on the 2nd floor of the Union is the Lounge where you can play pool, games, watch TV, take advantage of the wireless internet connection or just hang out with friends. You can also grab a cup of Starbucks coffee or a sandwich upstairs in the Terrace Café. In the lower level, you can visit the Offices of Student Activities and Residence Life. The Commuter Student Association meetings are also held in the lower level of the Student Union in Room 106.

Meal Plan

Commuters can come to the Office of Residence Life to purchase a meal plan. The Commuter 5 plan is \$635 and the Commuter 10 is \$1,413 a semester.

Parking

Any student may bring an automobile to campus. However, all vehicles must be registered with Campus Police and must display a permit in accordance with regulations. A registration fee is charged.

Parking is located throughout the campus and is designated for students, staff, visitors and the handicapped. Fines will be imposed for parking violations.

Parking lots commuters may park in:

Without a decal: A, B, G, and I

First-Years & Sophomores: A, B, C, D, G, & I

Juniors and Seniors: A, B, C, D, E, G, & I

Lockers

Lockers are available for commuter students. They are located by the Bookstore in Harrelson Student Center. There is no charge for the use of the lockers and students must furnish their own lock.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is located in Godbold and is open to students more than 40 hours each week. Hours are posted outside the entrance to the Center each semester. The Fitness Center is free to commuter students. An orientation is required to acquaint students with the fitness equipment prior to use. There are group orientations offered at the beginning of the year or you can schedule an appointment at any time. For more information please call 786-3778.

Tennis

The tennis courts are open to students who have attended the Fitness Center Orientation. They are open during normal business hours.

Pool

The pool is available for commuters during open swim hours. Students must go through the orientation for the Fitness Center before using the pool. Pool hours are sent via e-mail shortly after each semester begins and posted outside the Fitness Center on the bulletin board.