

**Most Frequent Responses to “Dear Incoming Student...” Prompt
(Random Sample of 100 *DIS* letters)**

RESPONSE	FREQUENCY*
Make office appointments	57
Do not procrastinate	54
Engage in class discussions / ask questions	49
Set-up reading schedule / work on good reading skills / finish early	34
Get used to frustration / don't panic / don't quit	34
Get materials approved early / start early on outlines	32
Be organized / improve time management	23
"Real college course" / hard / challenging course	20
Use resources outside class / use all resources	18
Take good / copious notes	17
Outline questions before reading / understand questions	17
Open minded / open to learning / think abstractly	17
Attend all classes	14
Take professors' recommendations	14
Work in groups	12
Don't be intimidated by professors	11
Class improves your life / "life-changing"	11
Work hard / be prepared / committed	10
Don't overload	10
Follow directions / read syllabus / read contract	10
Use graphic presentations	9
Learn from mistakes / shed bad habits	9
Go over notes / readings and apply to questions	8
Don't think you know it all	8
Be confident	7
Best teacher / class you will take	6
Transform yourself into a learner	6
"Eye Opening"	5
Assess your goals	3

* *Number of letters in which each response was found.*