Plan for a successful second year

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Review deadlines in academic calendar

It is important to keep up with academic dates such as last day to add a class, last day to drop a class, etc.

Here is the current ETSU academic calendar: http://www.etsu.edu/reg/academics/calendar.aspx

Attend first day of fall classes

Class attendance is important for successful achievement. Not only will you learn the course material but many courses and departments have an attendance policy. Not attending can affect your financial aid, housing, grades etc.

Attend Welcome Week events

Welcome Week is an opportunity for students to make new friends, learn about different organizations, clubs and activities to get involved in at ETSU. Being involved will give you good experiences, open up leadership opportunities, allow you to meet other people and give you the support you need.

Find a complete list of all Welcome Week events here: http://www.etsu.edu/welcomeweek

Find more information about getting involved and a list of ETSU student organizations and clubs here: http://www.etsu.edu/students/sorc/aboutus.aspx

Join a student organization

Joining a student organization is a great way to meet other students, get involved in campus activities and enhance your college life.

Here is the current list of student organizations: http://www.etsu.edu/students/sorc/

Read the East Tennessean Student Newspaper

Reading the student newspaper will keep you up to date on campus news and issues, sports and entertainment and more. The East Tennessean is available in print or on-line.
Explore undergraduate research and study abroad opportunities

Research and study abroad programs give students opportunities to gain a broader knowledge of cultures and people outside Tennessee and the United States.

Study Abroad opportunities at ETSU can be found here: http://www.etsu.edu/honors/international/abroad/default.aspx

Develop relationships with faculty and staff

Developing relationships with faculty and staff can be very beneficial. Talking with your professors can help clear up lecture material or information that you did not understand. Some professors may give you a more detailed preview of what is coming up which could help you focus on what to study. Another benefit is that professor and professional staff references are vital if you plan to continue your education beyond the bachelor level. Many professors and staff members are reluctant to write reference letters unless they know you beyond just seeing you in the office or department or on the basis of nothing but the coursework they’ve seen.

Attend an ETSU sporting event

Show your support and ETSU pride by attending an ETSU sporting event.

Find the schedule for your favorite sport here: http://www.etsubucs.com/home/default/

Visit University Career Services for support in choosing a major

University Career Services can offer support when choosing a major. On their web site you can find a link to “What can I do with this Major?” – a helpful guide to the type of work you can do with a many different majors, types of employers typically hiring those majors and other information and strategies.

“What can I do with this major” web site is located here: http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/majors/

Confirm selection of major (and minor if applicable)

At this point in your college career, you should have an idea of what academic major and minor (if required) that you want to pursue and the requirements to complete the degree.

A complete list of major and minor programs and requirements. Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Participate in leadership and service activity

Participating in leadership and service activities is another way to meet people while also becoming
equipped with skills, knowledge and experience that will help you effectively lead at ETSU and beyond.

Click here for information about leadership opportunities. [http://www.etsu.edu/students/sorc/leadership.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/students/sorc/leadership.aspx)

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**Update 4-year plan**

Look at Degree Works and meet with your academic or faculty advisor to adjust your plans, as needed, to complete all of your course requirements.

You can access Degree Works through your Goldlink account or at [http://www.etsu.edu/reg/degeworks/default.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/reg/degeworks/default.aspx).

*Taking 15 or more hours per semester will keep you on track to graduate in four years* [http://www.etsu.edu/reg/degeworks/default.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/reg/degeworks/default.aspx)

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**Start building resume in University Career Services**

Now is the time to start developing a resume. University Career Services can help. You can schedule an appointment with a full time staff member by calling 423-439-4450. **Resume Walk-In Hours** with Graduate Assistants are available on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9AM - 4PM.

Access the University Career Services web site here [http://www.etsu.edu/students/careers/default.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/students/careers/default.aspx)

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**Print Degree Audit from GoldLink**

Log-in to Degree Works and print your degree audit to take to your academic advising appointment. Go to Goldlink and click on Degree Works [http://goldlink.etsu.edu](http://goldlink.etsu.edu). Use Chrome, for best viewing results.

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**Meet with your academic advisor**

All students with less than 60 credits earned are required to meet with an advisor prior to registration. But it is strongly recommended that you meet with your advisor throughout your college career to ensure you are on track to graduation. This is an opportunity for you to discuss the classes you will be taking the next academic semester as well as courses you make want to take during the winter or summer sessions. The relationship you develop with your advisor is important to your success at ETSU.

Access a list of Academic Major Advisors and contact information here: [http://www.etsu.edu/advisement/continuingstudents/AdvisorContactList.aspx](http://www.etsu.edu/advisement/continuingstudents/AdvisorContactList.aspx)

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**Register for next academic semester on GoldLink**

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Prepare for final exams

Now is the time to begin studying and preparing for final exams. Your final exams are not always scheduled on the same day and time as your regular class schedule.

Here are ETSU’s final exam dates and times. http://www.etsu.edu/reg/registration/finalexam.aspx

Finish 36-45 credits

In order to graduate in a timely manner, it is suggested that students complete 36-45 credit hours by the end of this semester.

Taking 15 or more hours per semester will keep you on track to graduate in four years

Verify grades, academic status and adjust schedule (if necessary) in GoldLink

Once your final grades have been submitted, we encourage you to verify those grades in GoldLink. You can also check your academic status (good standing, probation, suspension) as well as adjust or change classes that you have enrolled in for the next academic semester.

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Winter Session Available

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Spring Semester

Complete FAFSA for next academic year/ apply for scholarships

“FAFSA” is the Federal Student Aid Application. Completing your FAFSA is the avenue to obtain federal money for your education including grants, Hope Scholarships, and other forms of funding. The FAFSA must be completed each year in order for you to be eligible for financial aid and scholarships. For ETSU based scholarships, March 1 is the deadline to submit your application each
Attend first day of Spring class

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Explore career options in the ARC

Whether you have already decided on your career choice or not, the Advisement Resources Career Center (ARC) is a great place to explore career options. In the ARC you will find an array of resources such as the Career Exploration Center, University Career Services and more.

Visit University Career Services about part-time jobs, volunteering and work shadowing

Now is the time to begin exploring career options through real-world experiences that will also enrich your resume.

Attend an ETSU or community arts or cultural event

View upcoming events at ETSU through the PlanIt calendar. http://www.etsu.edu/planitetsu/
Access the schedule of ETSU Theatre productions. http://www.etsu.edu/cas/comm/theatre/
Find Multicultural Affairs and events. http://www.etsu.edu/students/multcult/

Renew housing contract

Students living on campus, who wish to live on campus the next year, must renew their housing contract.

Locate information about how to renew your housing contract here: http://www.etsu.edu/students/housing/returningstudent.aspx

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Taking 15 or more hours per semester will keep you on track to graduate in four years - http://www.etsu.edu/reg/degreeworks/default.aspx

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Finish 48-60 credits

In order to graduate in a timely manner, it is suggested that students complete 48-60 credit hours by the end of this semester.

Taking 15 or more hours per semester will keep you on track to graduate in four years - http://www.etsu.edu/reg/degreeworks/default.aspx

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