



Reasons Students Fail in College

Below are some of the primary reasons students fail in college. Critically examine each to see if it describes you. Determine the problem and being aware of the causes is the first step in seeking a workable solution. If you recognize yourself, set goals for overcoming the difficulty described. Students often fail because they:

1. Have an inadequate concept of the amount and quality of work required.
2. Place too much importance on other activities.
3. Have vague or no long-term or short-term goals.
4. Fail to assume responsibility.
5. Choose an inappropriate major.
6. Have not mastered the language.
7. Experience interference from psychological problems.
8. Make little effort to overcome poor background.

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New York, NY p. 59