



# Student Success Office

## Tips for Success

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My general advice is to make an effort to keep up with the syllabus. The summer semester is shorter than the fall and spring, consequently the courses are a little be faster. Plus, there is less available time, such as Spring Break, to catch up if one gets behind. Except for the Final Exam, one can always complete assignments ahead of time. So, if you are going on vacation or doing something special with family or friends for a few days one week, you might want to do a bit more work ahead of time, to keep from getting behind.

More specifically, I would advise you to start thinking about what you might want to do for the Experimental Element assignment. You can read about this assignment in the posted syllabus for the course now if you like. It is not due until later in the semester, but if you complete it earlier, you focus more on finishing up the course and the Final exam. The majority of the time put into the assignment is experiential, such as going to religious gathering that is new to you, or to an American Indian powwow, or a mediation session. The possibilities are numerous. Pick something you are comfortable with but is also a new experience. However, reporting back about one's experience is not overly time-consuming. This assignment is heavily weighted grade wise.