

## **KEYS TO HIGH SCHOOL AND POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS**

There are four things that academic advisors in post-secondary institutions wish grade 12 students knew before they left high school and what they use to help students who run into problems.

- 1. How to break down large tasks (i.e. reading a textbook, writing a 25-page term paper, studying for a final exam, etc.) into smaller ones.
  - StudyRight
  - Barnard College
- 2. Time management, effective use of day timers and properly planning and scheduling your work. Most post-secondary institutions recommend that students read 3 or more hours for every hour they are in class—lectures, labs, etc.
  - Top Universities
  - Charles Darwin University
- 3. How to read effectively and efficiently. Research the SQ3R method.
  - Northern Arizona University
  - Virginia Tech
- S-Survey—skim the chapter, look at pics, headings, charts, maps, get a general idea of what it's about.
- Q-Question—make up some questions based on your survey.
- o R-Read
- o R-Recite—answer the questions you asked.
- o R-Review
- 4. Test anxiety
  - NXT
  - Princeton Review

Many other important topics for students are covered in both of the following websites from the U of R and U of S.

- Notetaking
- Exam preparation and writing
- Term paper writing
- Problem solving
- Learning styles
- Avoiding plagiarism
- Doing presentations
- Learning communities and study groups

## Sources:

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