Helpful Hints

Current WKU students and staff share some helpful hints for succeeding at WKU.

"I know how hard it is not knowing what you want to do with your life, but it WILL come to you. Take classes that interest you and go from there. Don't get overwhelmed with not having a major. If you do, ask for help. At WKU, help will always be given to those who ask for it." -Megan Sircy, sophomore

"Figuring out what majors you don't want can help you narrow down the majors you might be interested in." -Christopher Jensen, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Advising Practices

"Get to know the people around you in class! You could be struggling to understand and they may have a way to explain that helps." -Alicia Storm, senior



"Emails are just as important as face-to-face communication. Be polite and coherent." -WesleyAnne Watkins, The Learning Center Advisor

"My advice to incoming freshman is to actively explore what discipline you are interested in. And not just by taking some classes in that area! Get involved in research labs in your specific area of interest. You will learn what someone in that career position actually does everyday and you will be applying what you learn in classes to hands on, real life problem solving. It is a great opportunity that not enough students take part in." -Meagan Luttrell, senior

"Make effective use of a planner or calendar. Also, communicate with your professors regularly outside of class. They offer office hours for a reason." -Nick Haught, Financial Aid Advisor

"It's important to get involved on campus. Not only is it a great way to find your place on the Hill but it's also a great way to find like minded people to keep you motivated." -Jamye Hardy, senior

"Go to class!" -Kassy Fineout, Exploratory Advisor

"Take a variety of classes in different subject areas to find something you really enjoy. It can make a huge difference when deciding on a major." -Corey Travis, junior

"It's great to have friends, but do not let them limit your options inside or outside the classroom. You may have a learning style that is different from your friends; therefore, what works for your friends may not work for you. Joining an organization or taking a class by yourself can open up opportunities to learn new things and make new friends."

-Brittany Wagner, Retention Coordinator

"The cost of procrastination is failure!" -Craig Edwards, sophomore

"Get to know your Academic Advisor. They are a wealth of knowledge about all things WKU. If they don't know the answer they will be able to direct you to someone that does." -Jessica Dorris, Exploratory Advisor

"Don't let other people's opinions be your truth. I had the hardest time picking a major because so many people told me that each one I chose would be a terrible idea. They want the best for you, but realize that you live with the decision you make. Be certain that you are doing what you like. It is okay to not know but keep searching." -Emily Foust, senior