

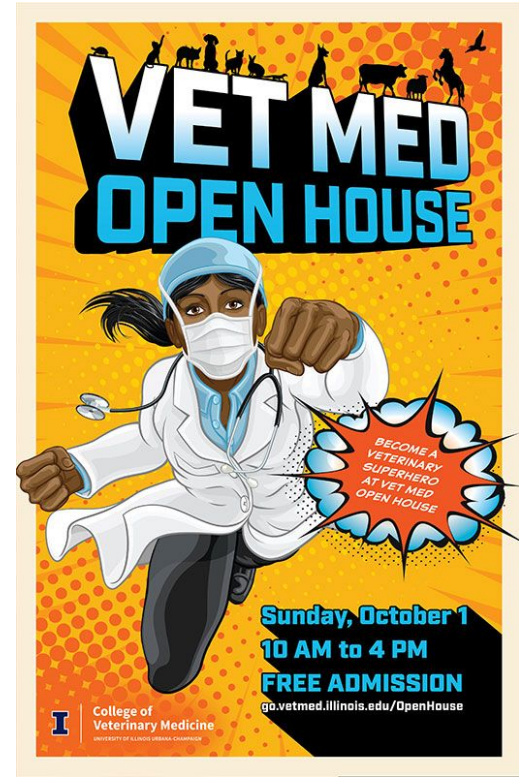
Week 4

Upcoming events

- [Reflections/Projections](#), all of next week, Siebel Center
- [Engineering Research Fair](#), Monday, Sept. 18, 4-6PM, Illini Union rooms A/B/C
- [Pygmalion](#), Thurs-Sat, 21-23 Sept, various locations
- [Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering](#) is looking for volunteers to mentor K-12 kids
- Campus Mental Health Fair, Monday October 16th, 12-2, Illini Union I-Rooms

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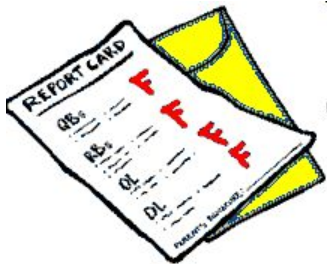
- [Vet Med Open House](#), Sunday
Oct 1, 10-4
 - Birds of prey!
 - Reptiles!
 - Shoeing horses, milking goats, shearing sheep
- On Lincoln, south of FAR/PAR



Upcoming events

- Light the Night, bike light giveaway
 - Tuesday, September 19, 4-7pm
 - Alma Mater Plaza, Hallene Gateway, and Ikenberry Commons
 - <https://calendars.illinois.edu/detail/6242?eventId=33463215>
- [SIGPwny](#) (cyber security) Capture the Flag
 - Saturday, Sept 23th, 12-6pm, CIF 3039
- Women in Engineering coffee hour
 - Thurs Sept 21st, 9-11am, 212 Engineering Hall

Jacob Deters
And
Steve Herzog



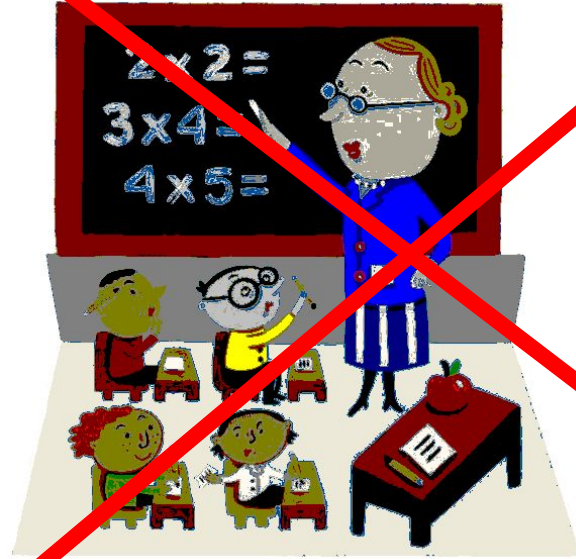
Seven Surefire Tips for Flunking Out

How even a super bright student like you can totally
bomb out of CS!



Tip #1: Don't Go to Class!

- Already know this stuff
- Skim the textbook
- Just show up for the exams
- Attendance "optional"
- Who's going to notice?



Go to Class!

- Class may be review initially, but then new, fast-paced, in-depth
- Part of grade can be based on participation, teamwork, projects
- Many of our instructors have interactive lecture sections
- Real learning is not just reading textbook and taking tests – requires active engagement
- If you skip class, you'll be hopelessly behind by the first midterm
- **YOU NEED A SOLID FOUNDATION !!**



Tip # 2: Leave for Tomorrow What You Don't Want to Do Today

- One more game | social media post | party
- Crank out that MP the night before it's due
- Review the morning of the

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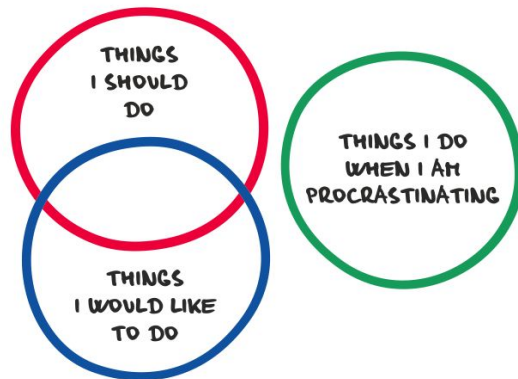
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Possible Alternative Pictures for Procrastination Slide (instead of Animal House)

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PROCRASTINATION FLOWCHART

do something
right now

→ No

Don't Procrastinate!

- Each credit hour = *at least* three hours of work
- Assignments often take longer than you think (bugs happen!)
- Learn to manage your time!
 - Poor time-management a top reason for academic probation
- For help: Counseling Center
(610 E. John St, Champaign – just West of Altgeld Hall)
<http://counselingcenter.illinois.edu/>

Tip # 3: Do It Yourself!

- No study groups
- Instructors, TAs, etc.: Do not disturb!
- Tutors are for other people
- Don't ask questions
- If it's broke...
...fix it yourself!



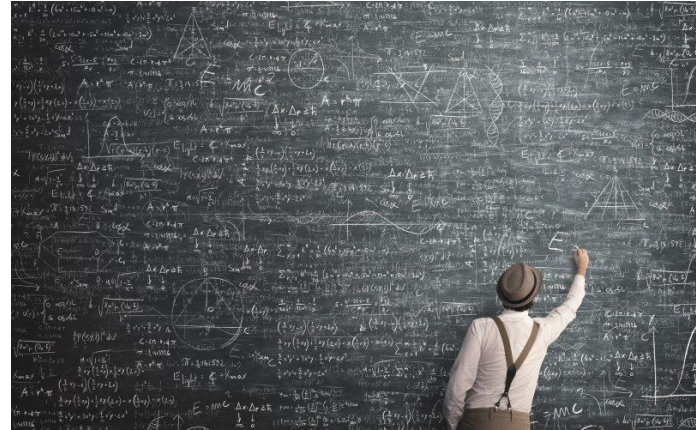
Get help!

- Working with a study group (when allowed) can save time and be critical in understanding
- A lousy grade, being put on Academic Probation and/or getting kicked out of the university is a LOT more embarrassing than asking for help
 - ... from people who are eager to give it
 - ... and are even paid to do so!



Tip #4: Get Ahead of Yourself!

- Ignore placement messages
- Skip prerequisites
- Register for as many hours as possible
- Load up on difficult, technical courses
- If you do poorly in a class, just move on to the next course(s)
- Take only the "advice" you want to hear



Or if you don't want to flunk out...

- Start out conservative, find your own pace
- Balance your schedule – technical and general education/free electives
- Prerequisites are there for a reason (why we enforce them now)
- Step back if you have trouble (we'll make sure)
- Faster doesn't necessarily mean better; it's not a race!
- College is an investment, an experience.

Tip #5: Take “Short Cuts”

- Copy code
 - from friends
 - from past assignments
 - from the internet
- “Consult” on exam problems
- You won’t get caught.



No “Short Cuts!”

- You will get caught...
- ...And you might flunk the class
- ...Or even get kicked out of the university
- Now that's a short cut!



Tip #6: You Can Do it All!

- Join every student group you find
- Interview for everything
- Work 40 hours a week
- Do a project with your friends
- Start a business
- Become president of your RSO
- Join a fraternity/sorority
- Concerts, sporting events, etc.



Truth is...

- You should get involved, but...
- The key is BALANCE
- Start slow – add as you are able



Tip #7: Don't Worry about Your Health

- **Schedule:**
 - Code 'til 4:00 am every night for one week straight
- **Menu:**
 - Breakfast: Donut, energy drink
 - Lunch: Cheetos, energy drink
 - Dinner: Pizza, Mountain Dew
- **Physical activities:**
 - Slouching to Siebel (or from your bed to your computer)
 - Opening Cheetos package
 - Typing



But seriously...

- You must pay attention to your health – not just because of COVID-19
- Getting exhausted weakens your immune system
- And getting sick can ruin a whole semester
- Getting sleep, eating well and exercising improves performance in the classroom
- Lots of campus resources for wellness – not just for when you get sick:

<http://www.campusrec.illinois.edu/wellnesscenter/about/>

Summary

- Go to class
- Don't procrastinate
- Get help
- Observe Academic Integrity
- Go at your own pace through the program
- Live a *balanced* life
- Take care of yourself



Do today's moodle Attendance activity

Campus Safety

Illini Alert

- <https://police.illinois.edu/info/illini-alerts/>
- Warns about
 - Severe weather
 - Building issues such as gas leaks
 - Major incidents of street crime
 - Etc
- Only incidents on, or very near, campus
- Warnings are infrequent

Safety at night

- Stay alert, aware of your surroundings
- Go where there are other people
- Safewalks <https://police.illinois.edu/services/safewalks/>
 - 9pm to 2:30 or 3am (depending on the day)
- Emergency phones

Tornado sirens

- Main tests: 10am on the first Tuesday of each month
 - Well, except a special one this morning
- Otherwise head for basement
 - Or get as low as possible, away from windows
- Details
 - [Weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov)
 - Illini Alerts

Emergency phones



Bicycles must obey traffic laws

- Have lights when it's dark (see previous slide)
- One-way streets
- Ride on the right side of road
- Stop at stop signs, red lights
- Yield to pedestrians
 - Stop if there are pedestrians in crosswalk
- Entering road from sidewalk? Go slow.
- **Cyclists can get tickets!**

Pedestrians

- Look before stepping into the street!
 - Both ways
- Bike paths
 - Don't walk in them
 - Cross with care

Run, Hide, Fight video

https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_bbti3ec5

(2 min)

Amnesty protections

- Call for help when you or someone else is in danger
 - Needs medical help
 - Victim of crime
- Amnesty protections (state law and university)
 - You won't get cited for most small violations (e.g. alcohol)
- <https://conflictresolution.illinois.edu/policies/medical-amnesty-and-survivor-protections/>