Get Your Money Game On

A playbook for financial success in college.

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Academic Game Play

1. Attend all class sessions.

2. Study more than you party. (Party less than you study.)

3. Earn 30 credits per academic year.

(These are credits that apply to a degree. If you earn 24 - 26 credits over fall and spring semesters, use the summer to earn the rest: take a class and/or a CLEP. You could even get ahead in the game with this!)

4. Select a major as fast as possible to get in the “degree game”.

5. Visit an advisor for an ‘academic checkup’ at least once in the academic year.

6. Attend Supplemental Instruction and tutoring sessions for help.

7. Avoid the “time-outs”—drop out, stop out, and flunk out.
Financial Game Play

1. Calculate your college expenses early.

2. Budget monthly to make your money last.

3. Save money always and all ways.

4. Select a major as fast as possible to get in the “game.”

5. Avoid academic Fs and Ws (lost opportunity).

6. Avoid DEBT by not using credit cards and take only what you absolutely need in student loans.

7. Accept all grants & scholarships first.

8. Avoid stop outs; college only gets more expensive!
Work Game Play

1. Limit work to 19 hours or less per week.
2. Work on campus; find jobs through Career Services.
3. Request work-study funds on the FAFSA for next year.
4. Avoid the temptation to get a full-time job for all those “fun things” you want but don’t really need.

Future Game Play

1. Get ready to submit financial aid (FAFSA) by Feb. 1st.
2. Get ready to apply for scholarships by Feb. 15th.
3. Get ready to priority register for the next semester's classes (ASAP)
4. Get set to make good money decisions; Use Rowdy Cents’ S.A.F.E. chart for decision-making.

GO get in the game and score a degree!