## Start of Term Checklist

## **WEEK 0 OR THE WEEK BEFORE THE TERM STARTS:**

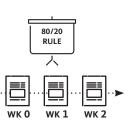
- ☐ Use the Beaver Store to identify texts, technology, & resources needed for class
- ☐ Review or print class schedule from Beaver Hub (search "Class Schedule," then follow links)
- ☐ *Identify* each course's format (E.g., on-campus, blended, hybrid, remote, online)
- □ Locate class locations on the campus map (knowing where you're going makes a difference!)
- □ *Plan* commute times (to OSU, between classes, etc.)
  - Consider on- and off-campus transportation options
  - Think about where you'll be and transition time that you need and that you have available
- ☐ Access your ONID email regularly to check for course announcements
- ☐ Access Canvas course sites to review available syllabi, schedules, & announcements
  - Make a list of questions you have about each course
- Double-check class locations (in <u>catalog</u> or <u>Beaver Hub</u>) the day before each class
  - Attend classes; collect syllabi to use when planning for the term.
- Review the Technology Checklist to be sure your technology is ready to go
- Visit the Academic Success Center (Waldo Hall 125) or live-chat with a <u>Strategist</u> about resources to support you this term
- Make an Academic Coaching appointment to plan ahead/set goals for the term
- ☐ Create a weekly schedule for the first two weeks of class with class time, study time, break time, meals, etc.
  - Over-estimate how long things might take and leave flex time in case tasks take longer than expected
- ☐ *Identify* a quiet space for any remote learning or Zoom meetings & two to three <u>spots to study</u>

## **WEEK 1:**

- Attend any in-person and/or synchronous class sessions
- ☐ If unable to attend class sessions, let your instructor know, and plan together how you'll complete coursework
- *Visit* office hours (sometime within weeks 1-3)
  - → Introduce yourself & get to know your instructor
  - Ask your questions about the course, technology, and assignments (from Week 0)
  - Description Be sure to ask if your instructor has strategies for learning in the course (content, modality, etc.)
  - Identify campus resources being offered that can support your success (location, in-person/remote, hours, etc.)
- □ *Complete* readings and assignments
- □ Complete Term-at-a-Glance with all term due dates and start a Weekly To-Do List
- **Reach out** to peers to develop study groups (in-person or remote); decide when you'll meet, where, and how often you'll connect

## **WEEK 2:**

- □ *Revisit* your <u>weekly schedule</u>
  - Evaluate how much time you need to prepare, attend, and study for each class
  - Revise schedule given your experience juggling class, study, work, etc., so far
- ☐ Create a study cycle for each course using active learning strategies
- □ Plan a time to get support from the Writing Center on an upcoming writing assignment/project
- ☐ *Make* connections between concepts from Week 1 and Week 2
- □ Use the 80/20 rule (80% of time on new material; 20% of time on review) when studying
- ☐ Create an ongoing visual or notes summary to track past/new concepts
- **□** Begin your study and review for midterms



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10 Questions to

Ask about Your
Course

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