

Traits That Successful Students Exhibit

Students with disabilities who succeed in college demonstrate the same characteristics of other successful students. Like all students, they may not have these traits upon entry but are able to develop them over time.

Category	Successful Students	Unsuccessful Students
Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal-oriented • Determination • Perseverance • Self-discipline • Willingness to work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of goals or career ideas • Immature • Procrastinates
Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic background • Knowledge of study and compensatory techniques • Knowledge of learning style • Time-management skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of academic preparation • Protected in high school • Learned helplessness • Lack of study and time management • Disorganized
Self Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-awareness • Self-acceptance • Knowledge of laws, policies, and resources • Assertiveness skills • Problem-solving skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrealistic expectations • Denial of disability, embarrassment • Lack of knowledge of legal rights • Lack of self-esteem and self-confidence • Lack of effective communication techniques • Lack of problem-solving skills

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