

## **Words of Advice: 20 Tips from Successful Ross Center Students**

1. Use Blackboard to regularly check your grade throughout the semester
2. If you don't understand the subject, go see the professor during office hours
3. In class: Listen! Participate! Ask questions!
4. If you don't feel comfortable speaking up during class, write questions or follow-up points to discuss later with instructor during office hours
5. Know yourself and be open to learning more about who you are as a student
6. Set a realistic schedule (Don't take early classes if you're not a morning person!)
7. Pick classes wisely (Four classes is not for everyone) and consult with your advisor
8. Look at the syllabus frequently and keep track of due dates ahead of time
9. Take breaks while studying!
10. Look for class location ahead of time so you know where to go on the first day
11. Introduce yourself to your instructors within the first week of class – Let them know that you are registered with the Ross Center and develop a relationship with them
12. Pick where to sit in class based on what works best for you
13. If you have a problem, don't wait until the last minute to address it
14. As you study, use your current knowledge to remember new material
15. Finish all readings before class – It helps you be prepared to participate in class
16. Use resources on campus: Go to the Ross Center, Career Services, Academic Support, Subject Tutoring, RWCCS, Counseling Center, University Health Services
17. Remember: Not all schools are the same. Give yourself time to learn about UMass Boston and expect it to be both similar and different than your other educational experiences.
18. Use the Beacon Fitness Center – Exercise to decrease stress!
19. Use quiet study area of Healey library on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor (if quiet works for you)
20. Sometimes Healey has copies of your textbooks to check out