



# BOBCAT ORIENTATION



## Mapping the First Three Weeks

### Prior to Term: Important Steps

- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Class Schedule](#) (via Bobcat web)
- [Books](#)
- [Get Tech-Ready](#)
- [COCC email account](#)
- [Office 365](#) (free!)

### Week 1: Self-Management

A Growth Mindset understands that college will be challenging, and asks for support. Fill out your success team for the term and focus on implementing the behaviors listed below immediately.

Course	Instructor	"Office" Hours (add to schedule!)

Support Service	Staff	Phone Number

Commit to the following behaviors from the first class and beyond:

- Preview course syllabi - make notes and questions for each instructor before class
- ALWAYS attend classes! Confirm the attendance policy in each of your classes
- Adjust weekly schedule to include before and after-class prep plus instructor office hours
- For online/remote classes, adjust your surroundings to ensure you have a good learning environment (study area, quiet coffee shop, etc.)
- Set up a routine for checking your COCC email & Canvas, and study times
- Ensure that your schedule includes time needed for family, partner, friends and other personal commitments
- During week one, I really need to focus on: \_\_\_\_\_

## Week 2: Success Takes Effort

A Growth Mindset understands that learning will take place as we challenge ourselves and our brains change. Commit to and implement these behaviors and actions:

- Prepare for weekly class assignments and discussion BEFORE class (schedule it!)
- Map your first quarter in a calendar (use your syllabus for dates on exams, projects, etc.)
- Prepare two or more drafts of an assignment before turning it in
- Ask questions and contribute to class discussions
- Identify students in your course to form a study group
- Communicate with your instructor if you have questions or concerns

## Week 3: Use COCC Resources

By week three, you'll be a college student with a Growth Mindset and you'll understand that effort and persistence is key. You will have embedded these services into your schedule at the frequency you need for consistent learning:

- [Computer Labs](#) – on each campus!
- [Tutoring](#) – including Math
- [Personal Counseling](#)
- [Career Services](#)
- Instructor Office Hours
- [Barber Library](#)
- [Academic Advising](#)
- [Writing Center](#)

## Ongoing Self-Assessment

At the end of the first three weeks of the term, assess yourself and the efforts you are taking to learn and make changes. The term goes by fast, so take time each week for constant growth and use breaks in between terms as a time to relax, reflect and adjust.

## Before the Term Ends...

- Meet with your advisor to plan for your next term
- Reflect on how much you have learned
- Get connected on campus – COCC clubs are meeting in person and virtually!