

Characteristics of Successful Students

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Introduction

The following list outlines some of the characteristics of individuals who attend Columbia College and become successful students.

Characteristics of More Successful Students

- Learners that have a more clear occupational or career goal
- Learners that prefer to complete an educational program more quickly (accelerated education)
- Learners who are more motivated to learn and who display a more mature attitude
- Learners who are more willing to work hard academically both inside and outside of class
- Learners who are more caring, courteous, and respectful of others, especially individuals from other cultures
- Learners who may have weaker academic qualifications but have a higher motivation to succeed (motivation is a key determinant of academic success)
- Learners who tend to see education as a tool to help them move forward in order to obtain a better income, career, and quality of life
- Learners who tend to be out of school for several years (i.e., 25 to 45 years old) they also may have a spouse, children, home, and bills to pay
- Learners who may be preparing to enter their 2nd or 3rd career