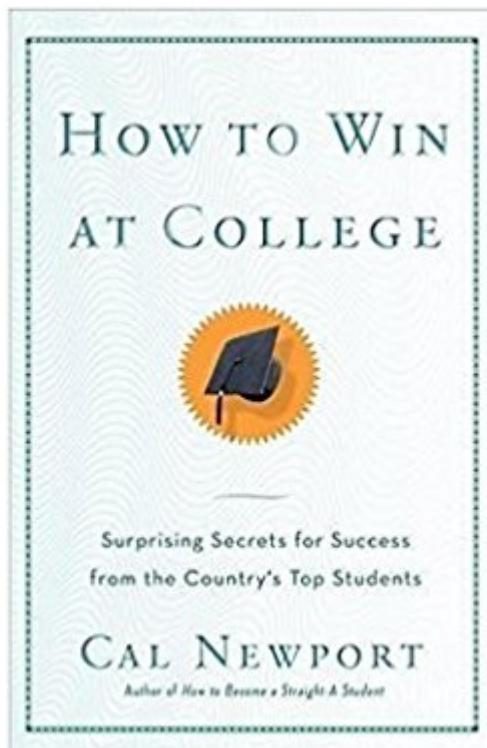


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# How To Win At College: Surprising Secrets For Success From The Country's Top Students



## **Synopsis**

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- Don't do all your reading.
- Drop classes every term.
- Become a club president.
- Care about your grades, ignore your GPA.
- Never pull an all-nighter.
- Take three days to write a paper.
- Always be working on a grand project.
- Do one thing better than anyone else you know.

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Last week I brought "How to Become a Straight-A Student: The Unconventional Strategies Real College Students Use to Score High While Studying Less" this book was amazing so I had to buy Newport's next book. He give you real life tips that can make you successful in college and the real world. This book it's great and it's something you'd enjoy reading all the time. Thank you for the fast shipping and tight packaging.

Mesmerizing, profound, even for a study machine such as myself. Cal Newport, a college student himself, wrote these books after interviewing extraordinary students around the country who had straight A's, full social lives, and did lots of extracurriculars such as starting businesses & non-profits, and being politically involved. The point of all his books is how to study more efficiently so you can be an outstanding student while fitting in other essential dimensions of the college experience such as friends, parties and guest lectures. And unlike "speed reading," his techniques are not smoke and mirrors; they are solid and make sense. I didn't feel there was much overlap between his books. "How to Win at College" is composed of 75 two-page "tips" that cover a very wide range of topics. This is the book I originally fell in love with and ordered copies of for many friends, and I recommend reading it first. His second book, "How to Become a Straight A Student," focuses on a few key skills: the trap of "pseudo-studying," time management, how to actually study, conquer exams, and write papers. However once I read it, I liked it almost better than the first one! In short, they are both indespensable, easy reads, hard to put down, and completely different from any other "study skills" books you might read. They are basically "myth busters" of conventional wisdom

about school success. If you want to know the "secrets of the universe" regarding succeeding in and loving college, look no further.

There is plenty to do at college other than get good grades. This book does a terrific job of listing them and why. Even though I didn't agree with all of them, it's worth picking and choosing your own list of achievements and set your own rules about what constitutes "success" at college.

I read this book after reading Newport's other study guide *How to Become a Straight A Student* and was looking forward to more of his easy to understand, quickly read nuggets of wisdom. Although I found the advice in his previous book to be more helpful, I did find some words of advice that I will surely put to use in my upcoming semester. Among the gems I found, Newport reminds students to "Study in Fifty-Minute Chunks" and "Learn to Listen." In these short chapters there are ideas to help the student better utilize their time by minimizing distractions and knowing exactly what to listen for in a lecture. By far my favorite and most memorable line from this book is "A good analogy is that writing is to a college student what shooting hoops is to a basketball player." Wise advice indeed. I would recommend this book to high school and college students alike. The chapters are short and jam packed with good advice.

This is good, and many of the tips are solid, but it's just not nearly as strong as Newport's *Straight-A Student*. His suggestions work better when they're in a solid framework. Most students would, imo, get more out of re-reading *Straight-A Student* a few more times and making sure they're fully implementing those strategies. This is a nice accompaniment to *SAS*, though, and as "productivity pron" it's a fun read.

I'm a senior in high school preparing for my freshman year. This book is amazing. The advice is down to earth and believable without being preachy or perfect. Newport is perfectly willing to admit that things aren't always going to go exactly as planned, but still tells his readers how to accomplish great things. I absolutely loved the advice. Some of the advice in this book is not for everyone - **APPLY TO TEN SCHOLARSHIPS A YEAR** can be overwhelming and unnecessary, depending on the student. That said, it's easy to see how even applying a handful of these tips would change my college career for the better. As a student who will have to balance work, class, and a social life, I think this will be rewarding. Here are a handful of my favorite tips:

**CREATE A SUNDAY RITUAL**  
**STUDY IN FIFTY MINUTE CHUNKS**  
**USE THREE DAYS TO WRITE A PAPER**  
**REAT**

HEALTHYVOLUNTEER QUIETLYAnd the list goes on. I will definitely pack this with me in the fall.

A great book for any college student. Many other books or classes out there only show you the limited ways of performing well in college but this book shows you all the ways, including tips on how to be an organized and sociableÃ¢Â¢ person.

We purchased this to discuss with a group of first year students. It's a fast read, but pithy. There's some atypical advice here (Don't read everything assigned.), alongside some basics that need reinforcement (Get some sleep. Yes, every night.). This would make a nice graduation gift, or an encouraging gift for someone struggling to find their footing in college.

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