



## **RHA's Tips for Success for First Year Students!**

1. Invest in a good pair of walking shoes.
2. P2P runs from 7:30pm until 3am.
3. The RU is not the exact reverse of the U.
4. Housing does not provide laundry detergent.
5. Keep your receipts from the Yogurt Pump (YoPo). If you get 10, you get a free dessert!
6. Have an umbrella with you at all times-even when it is sunny. Invest, in a pair of rain boots!
7. Buy and/or rent textbooks online. It will save you a lot of money in the long run.
8. Before classes, take a day to practice route to get an idea of walking times and class locations....so you don't get lost.
9. Do not go to Lenoir at noon. Everyone is there.
10. Do not go to Lenoir at 1pm. Everyone is still there.
11. Manning East and Manning West communities only have one kitchen per building.
12. RHA gives ridiculous amounts of free food at their programming events. Attend!
13. P2P on a Thursday night is certain death by suffocation, aka, there are a lot of people out late.
14. There's a 3:2 girl-guy ratio at Carolina. At first you don't succeed, dust yourself off and try again!
15. Rams Head opens at 4:45pm on weekdays. If you're there before five, you may be first in line for the chicken nuggets!
16. Never eat 'fish' at Lenoir....NEVER!
17. There actually is class on Friday.
18. "Study Buddies" consist of more buddying than studying. If you have an important exam, attempt the studying solo.
19. Alpine Bagel (in the Union) is one of the best options for a quick meal on campus!
20. Yes, Accounting (Busi 101) is actually a hard class.
21. However, Professor Skender (teaches Busi 101) is one of the most entertaining professors here.
22. The dining halls are not open for summer students during summer session 1 and 2.
23. If you get a ticket to Men's Basketball game and cannot go, give it away or turn it back in! Those tickets are like GOLD!
24. Write opening and closing dates for the Men's Basketball lottery in your agenda!
25. 9am classes are so much better than 8am.
26. Take ziploc bags and grocery bags to FallFest to stock up on free food and t-shirts!
27. Your first year's grades will be your worst. Study hard, try hard, but don't get discouraged.
28. Don't buy your books before classes start, because you may not need them.
29. Whatever meal plan you buy, plan ahead so you know how many times you should go each week to use it all! Don't waste money!
30. Just because the dining hall is all you can eat doesn't mean you should eat it all...first year 15.
31. Your first year at Carolina is the most important: this is the year you meet the friends you will have all four years! Be friendly and get to know as many people as possible.
32. There are movies every Friday and Saturday in the Union provided by CUAB!
33. Pace yourself with the tough courses, even if you are Pre-MED! 5 As/Bs are better than 10 Cs/Ds
34. Your One Card gets you into athletic events for free. Go cheer on one of our many national ranked sports teams! As we say here, "Go Heels, Go America"!

35. Signing up for Dance Marathon takes place in early November in the Pit even though the actual marathon is not until February.
36. The study habits you had in high school will most likely not cut it here. You may have been able to get all A's with little or no studying in high school, but at Carolina, especially if you are a science major, you will study your butt off to get C's. Be prepared for this and set reasonable expectations for yourself.
37. Take every academic assignment seriously and give 100% in everything you do. Once your GPA has fallen, it can be incredibly hard to bring it back up.
38. This school is full of geniuses. Don't compare yourself to those around you. Do the best that *you* can do and be proud of that.
39. Don't lose your room keys because they are expensive.
41. If you want to watch a movie in your community you can check out movies from the front desk or stream Netflix through the flat screen TVs. Thanks RHA!
42. Getting a parking spot in the PR lot is not the end of the Earth, everyone has probably parked there.
43. International Students are A LOT of FUN!
44. The dining hall cookies are to die for! Yummy!
45. If there is ever a problem with your room, contact FixMyRoom. They are very quick and responsive.
46. Late Night with Roy is really exciting. It's a must!
47. Use NEXTBUS to learn about the bus schedule.
48. You have to pay to use the Triangle Transit buses (green and blue buses)
49. Before you graduate, you should probably take your resume to University Career Services (UCS).
50. Don't forget to check your mail box in your community. You never know, someone might have sent you something.
51. Vote in campus elections! Especially Community Governors elections in September.
52. Be strategic on move in day. Do you really need to bring your entire family?
53. Please, please, please, do not put food down the bathroom sink. Ew, gross. Use the kitchen.
54. SASB plaza is said "sass bee" not S-A-S-B.
55. If you don't know what class to take, take ECON 101; it goes with a lot of different majors.
56. Business school classes are not close to main campus. The Business school is by the Dean Dome. Keep this in mind when scheduling classes.
57. The campus is very quiet on the weekends. Don't worry, everyone is sleeping.
58. If you live in Carmichael or in the Parker Community, during Football game days, people start tailgating right outside your window at 9am.
59. The Rams Head Market has more than just food. They have toiletries and some other residence hall items.
60. Don't wear a Duke shirt, you're asking for trouble.
61. Participate in a RHA, CUAB, Student Government, Campus Y, intermural sport clubs, teams or committees.
62. Biskis is open late, very late.
63. Make an effort to get to know your suite or hall mates. It makes life better when you have friends!
64. When you eat at the dining hall, pick a table first (reserving it with your wallet or jacket) and then get food. You don't want to be wondering around with food and no place to sit.
65. In the dining halls, don't get sour cream instead of whip cream. It happens.
66. The NU Bus takes you to south campus Franklin St as well as the PR or RR lot.
67. If you go over the parking meter by even 4 minutes, DPS will give you a ticket! Be careful!
68. Finally, HAVE FUN! TAKE PICTURES! BE ACTIVE! LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE!