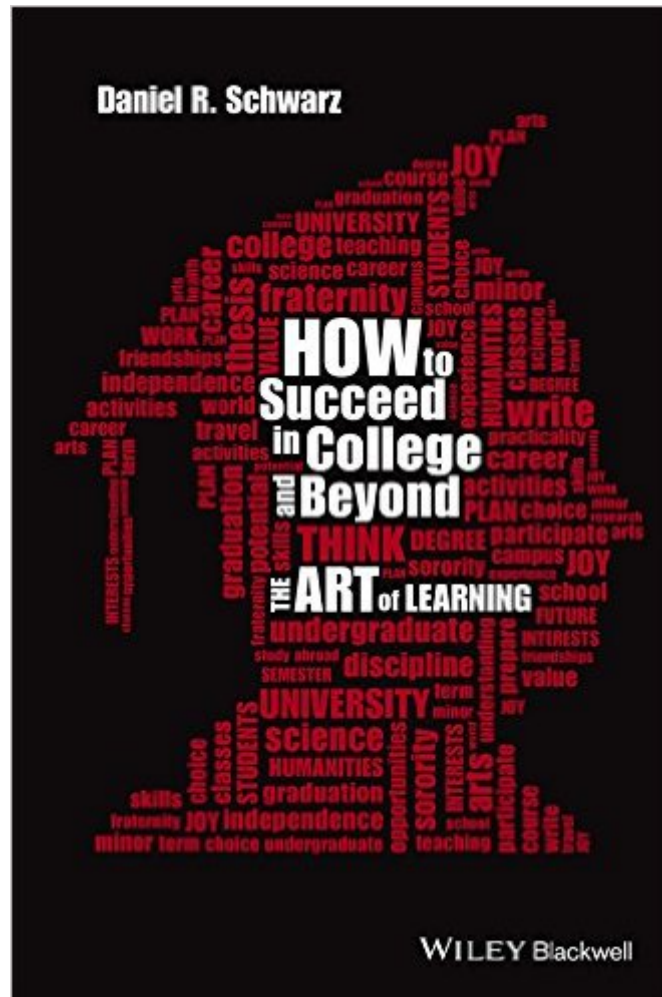


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# How To Succeed In College And Beyond: The Art Of Learning



## Synopsis

How to Succeed in College and Beyond is an insightful, inspired guide to the undergraduate experience that helps students balance the joy of learning with the necessity of career preparation. Features a wealth of advice for getting the most from an undergraduate education, especially in the areas of arts and humanities, written by an experienced educator and mentor. Covers the entire undergraduate experience, from high school preparation, applications, financial aid, each undergraduate year from freshman to senior, junior year abroad, course selection, and extra-curricular activities, to independent study, honors essays, graduate school, dissertations, and career searches. Discusses the benefits of pursuing an arts and humanities degree including how to write effectively, speak articulately, and think critically and discusses how to balance the joy and practicality of education in terms of getting vocationally-focused qualifications. Packed with information that is as helpful to students as it is to their parents, teachers, and advisors, this guide is an indispensable resource for prospective and present undergraduates.

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This is an outstanding resource for young people anticipating college as well as their parents. Daniel Schwarz covers a wide range of issues. In the fascinating introduction, he addresses the growing concerns about the economic value of college, supporting his assertions with reassuring statistics about earning power and employment for graduates. He then devotes a chapter to each of the four years of college, with sensitively conceived suggestions for students at each stage of their degree programs. Some topics emphasized throughout the book include preparing to apply for college, the application process; study habits and time management; changing responsibilities of parents; troubles with the Greek system; various ways to make use of a degree in humanities; uses of technology; and above all, ways that college changes us and prepares us to live as balanced, responsible, caring adults. In addition, much attention is devoted to study skills like reading, speaking up in class, writing, and so on. I appreciate the emphasis on the arts; his suggestions that students open their minds to subjects outside of their majors; and Schwarz's refreshingly frequent references to the joy of learning. I love the values expressed throughout this book; among them, persistence, enthusiasm, openmindedness; awareness of needs of others; and the willingness to try new things and learn from mistakes. This book would be a terrific gift for high school students and their parents. Highly recommended.

It is one thing to get into a college and graduate. It is another to succeed in college. Many students have a good time but are not planning their life. This book is the guide college students need with wisdom for life.

This book has great information about how to prepare for and find success in college, written clearly and concisely. The book is separated into five parts - Beginnings, how to prepare for college and choose the right one; The College Experience, suggestions for each year of college and how to prepare for graduation and the future; Further Essentials, choosing classes and extra curricular activities in college; The Value of Humanities, the benefits of studying humanities; Perspectives of a Professor, teaching, research and how to get the most out of being a student. The information offered in this book is realistic and easy to understand. I especially like that the author wrote key points in bold and has them numbered. This book is to the point and there's not extra fluff which would eventually make me lose interest in reading. It's a great resource to answer your questions about college, or to help you realize which questions need to be asked. I'd definitely recommend this book for high school juniors, seniors and their parents.

**How to Succeed in College and Beyond: The Art of Learning** There are many books about college on the market today, but Daniel Schwarz's book, *The Art of Learning*, is special. It is written by a professor (at Cornell) and it offers practical advice (how to prepare for college, how to choose a college, how to make the most of the experience) as well as food for thought (why the humanities are valuable, a professor's perspective on teaching). Schwarz finds much to praise in today's colleges, but also much that could be improved. As he explores his subject, there are surprises: any student benefits financially from having gone to college; an elite college or university might be more affordable than an out of state public university; "helicopter parents" are not as helpful as they think they are; students who major in the humanities do find interesting and fulfilling jobs that pay adequately, despite complaints about student apathy and careerism, many of today's students and "judging from this author" many today's professors remain excited about learning and sharing ideas. We get a good sense of this as we read. Schwarz quotes many of his students and colleagues "valuing their input and presenting it to us so the book becomes what he describes as his ideal classroom: a community of inquiry."

This is a really quick read with a lot of good information. Schwarz gives good examples of why college is still worth it, even though there has been a lot of questioning about that lately. He goes over statistics that clearly show there are still jobs available to recent graduates and they still earn more money than non-college graduates. He also gives a nod to the currently slammed liberal arts and humanities. He does state that people who graduate with a degree in these areas are still able to find jobs and make a decent salary. They do not have to only be in certain areas to make any kind of money. Finally, he stresses the importance of being well rounded and not just stuck on one major. He focuses on success as a learner so that you are consistently showing yourself to be adaptable and therefore hire-able.

This is a pretty solid guide to navigating from high school to college and beyond. The author emphasizes the importance of preparation as well as explaining the ins and outs of college life. Clearly an apologist for the arts and humanities, he does give a nod to other programs that are more popular due to their perceived earning potential. I do see the value to studying the humanities but could have done with a little less cheerleading in that regard. While learning should be a life long enterprise, the ridiculous costs and lack of sensible funding make studying anything other than a career booster impractical. Still, he makes some valid points and encourages students to follow their

dreams and explore. It is at its heart a practical book that will make the process enjoyable and successful.

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