

# Establish Strong Grade Averages Now

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Now that the fall semester has begun, you must consider an effective strategy to maximize your grade point average (GPA). Unfortunately many students are slow to gain momentum at the beginning of the school year. They are still residing in the “summer mode” and tend to approach their first few weeks or months in a somewhat casual manner. Naturally, students assume that the beginning of the fall semester will be relatively easy, so they intend to apply themselves more and more as the coursework becomes increasingly challenging.

This is a very poor strategy, however, for a number of reasons. First of all, if the schoolwork is, indeed, easy at the beginning of the year, then that is the perfect time to accumulate high grades! Furthermore, if a student does relatively poorly at the start of the fall semester, then he or she will be relegated to playing “catch-up” the rest of the year . . . a miserable scenario. Get those high grades now so that you have a grade point “buffer” as the coursework becomes more and more difficult and you begin to run out of steam. Please feel free to call me for specific and advice; I am happy to help, and it doesn’t cost you anything.