Helpful Hints From MCB Leaders

MCB Leaders are a small group of accomplished students in MCB who want to help current and prospective students learn more about UIUC, LAS, and the MCB Major. Email us with your questions at mcb.leaders@life.illinois.edu

“Never get discouraged by your performance on MCB exams! Instead, see what you missed, talk to people sitting near you in class and form study groups with them. 9 times out of 10 their mistakes are the same as yours! Collaboration in science always works because you can fix your mistakes much better when working with a friend!”

--Sri K. Ondabattula ’18

“College is a big adjustment from high school, so be careful not to spread yourself too thin. The number of activities and opportunities can be both exciting, but also overwhelming. Pick a few activities that you are really passionate about and get involved in those.”

—Andia Mitri ’16

“It will take some time for you to figure out what methods work best for your success as a student. This means customizing how to tackle a class, whether that be going to office hours, reading the textbooks, or forming study groups. What works for one person may not necessarily be the best way for others. So, take some time to tailor your experience to your needs, you’ll get to know yourself a lot better in the process.”

—Pha Thaprawat ’17

“Make friends in your science courses. You will likely have other classes with them and it’s nice to have someone to bounce ideas off of when you study. You might even find your best friend this way!”

--Sneha Adusumilli, ’18

“Understand that excelling in MCB is challenging, but certainly not impossible. In the end, an MCB major is extremely rewarding and holds high value, but nevertheless, requires hard work and dedication. Be sure to keep up with the work by putting time aside everyday to review what has been covered in lecture. Remember, college is not about perfection, but about learning and making the most of your experience, do your best, and take advantage of what MCB has to offer!”

—Kimberly Sam ’17

“Join some student groups that have people with similar interests as you so that you can build each other up. However, make sure to set your own goals and standards rather than basing your success off of what others are doing. You are the only person in your circumstance.”

—Ryan Emmanuel ’18

“There are going to be many times where you feel pressured to do what other people around you are doing. Find experiences that you love, even if they aren’t “normal” and “standard” resume builders. You want to diversify yourself and show off your unique personality and abilities.”

--Terra Scranton ’18

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