



## Traits That Successful Students Exhibit

Students with disabilities who succeed in college demonstrate the same characteristics as their non-disabled peers.  
 Few students have fully developed these traits on entry but do develop them over time.

Category	Successful Students	Unsuccessful Students
<b>Motivation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal-oriented</li> <li>• Determination</li> <li>• Perseverance</li> <li>• Self-discipline</li> <li>• Willingness to work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Few goals or career ideas</li> <li>• Immature</li> <li>• Procrastinates</li> </ul>
<b>Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic background</li> <li>• Knowledge of study and compensatory techniques</li> <li>• Knowledge of learning style</li> <li>• Time-management skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little academic preparation</li> <li>• Protected in high school</li> <li>• Learned helplessness</li> <li>• Undeveloped study and time management</li> <li>• Disorganized</li> </ul>
<b>Self-Advocacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-awareness</li> <li>• Self-acceptance</li> <li>• Knowledge of laws, policies, and resources Assertiveness skills</li> <li>• Problem-solving skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unrealistic expectations</li> <li>• Denial of disability, embarrassment</li> <li>• Limited knowledge of legal rights</li> <li>• Low self-esteem and self-confidence</li> <li>• Underdeveloped communication techniques</li> <li>• Few problem-solving skills</li> </ul>