

Using Your Strengths to Achieve Success: Input

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Applying to Academics

General Academic Life

- Save all notes and books from previous classes to create a personal library.
- Schedule time for seeking information that goes beyond what is required for your classes. The library and the internet will be valuable in your search.
- You enjoy gathering information, possibly even from reading a dictionary or encyclopedia.

Study Techniques

- Give yourself research deadlines within your overall timelines for completing papers. Without them, you might continue to read and read, never feeling like you have enough information.
- To continue making progress and stay on track while doing required work, put sticky notes on areas you wish to go back and look at.
- Prioritize the most critical information to study. Otherwise you might become distracted by other information that fascinates you but is not as relevant.

Relationships

- Share your information with friends. Determine who would be interested in each bit of information, rather than giving all information to everyone.
- Seek out professors who would be interested in knowing what you are learning and will find it stimulating to hear about the questions you are generating through your investigations.

Extracurricular Activities

- Join groups in which you can use your knowledge, such as community discussion groups, book clubs, and pre-law society mock trial groups.

Applying to Major/Career Path

- Interview media specialists, librarians, archivists, writers, information technologists, and others who work with large amounts of information on a daily basis. What do they find most rewarding about their work.



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Apply to Job Search

In the Job Search

- Your input helps you collect information about job opportunities. It will be helpful for you to design a system for organizing the information you collected.
- Search for careers that surround you with new knowledge and offers you the opportunity to develop creative approaches to situations or problems. You find it rewarding to be in a position as an expert of a topic.
- Tips: If you are also a people person, form a group of your peers and share the information you gathered. You seek their opinions to help make the decision.

In the Interview

- You can highlight your enjoyment of acquiring new knowledge and your ability to relay this information with others to facilitate growth. You are thorough and collect all necessary tools for any given task.
- In the job interviews you can use the information from the research you conducted during your job search. You can pick out key words that seem important to interviewers.



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- Tips: Write down a list of your past experiences, strengths, and weaknesses. Keeping track of these will give you more information to draw from during the interview.

Apply to Careers

In the New Position

- Your input will allow you to catalog and remember information gathered in meetings and conversations that may be helpful as you begin projects and assignments.
- Remember to use the information you amass instead of just collecting it. It may be helpful to create a list, spreadsheet, or some other catalog so you can easily access and use it later.