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# Find Out the Secrets to Success in University

#### The Secrets to University: From a Student's Experience By Stephen Smith

Get the secrets to success, from someone who knows - a University student!

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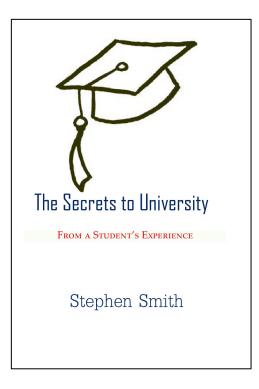
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## Author Q & A

**Q.** What inspired you to write The Secrets to University?

**A.** I had a rough time my semester in university. A very rough time. It was the first time I'd lived away from home, plus the added workload, and it was a very trying time. But I worked through it, and at the end I realized that others might be able to benefit from reading my experiences. So I wrote them down.

Q. What surprised you most while researching information for this book?

**A.** It would have to be the amount I learned about nutrition, for the chapter on how to eat well in university.

Q. What were the challenges (research, literary, and logistical) in bringing this book to life?

**A.** Really, there weren't many. I started to type, and the words just kept coming out of me. It's a story I'm passionate about, so that probably helped. Towards the end of the writing process, school started again, but I was nearly finished by that point.

**Q.** What are the most important points that you would like readers to have gained and appreciate after reading your book?

**A.** I would like for them to have a greater knowledge of how to make the most of their time at university. It's a spectacular experience.

**Q.** Why do you think University education is important?

**A.** I think university education is important not just for the substantial educational benefits, but for the social aspect as well. Granted, I have learned a tremendous amount about business while at Saint Mary's University, but I've also made a great amount of friends.

**Q.** What are the common factors that affect students' success in higher education?

**A.** Going to class. Yes, all of them. The single most important factor you can introduce to raise your marks is to go to class. Apart from that, reading your textbooks, doing your assignments, and just generally keeping up on work will go a long way to ensuring success.

**Q.** How did you organize the book?

**A.** I structured it like a school year - starting with frosh week, leading into midterms, term papers, and exams, then an assortment of useful skills like exercise and sleeping well.



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**Q.** What advice would you offer your readers so they can make the best of the information provided to them in the book?

**A.** Read it once, in the car or on the plane on your way to university. Then keep it around during your year as a reference material when things come up.

**Q.** What other resources do you offer for your readers and how they can find out more about your success in university?

A. They can check out my blog at http://santamariansteve.wordpress.com