



TRiO



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

JANUARY 2021

TRIO ON- CAMPUS HOURS:

Monday

7:30 AM– 4:30 PM

Tuesday

8:00 AM– 5:00 PM

Wednesday

7:30 AM– 4:30 PM

Thursday

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

TRIO REMOTE HOURS:

Friday

7:30 AM– 5:00 PM

If your TRiO advisor is not scheduled to work on campus, they will be working remotely so you can contact them via phone or email.

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Welcome Back



Happy New Year!

For some of you, this is your last semester at OJC because you will be graduating at the end of the semester. For others, it is the second semester on your academic path. Either way, both bring new possibilities—the possibility of hope for a better future, a better tomorrow.

This is the time of year where people set another New Year's resolution. They say that the average person's New Year's resolution lasts 2 weeks. That's not very good odds. What if we changed the resolution to a goal? Did you know when you write down your goal and/or tell someone about it, your chances of accomplishing it rise significantly?

Do this: envision one goal you want to accomplish this semester...Pass all your classes? Make a score for the team? Get a passing grade in the class that keeps giving you fits? Get a job?

If you haven't made a goal, here is what you need to do...

- What's your goal?
- Now, write it down AND tell someone.
- Put it where you can look at it every week because it needs to be a reminder to what you are working toward.
- Then, when things come up, because they will (you know, life stuff), stay focused on your goal because that is what you are reaching for.
- Life happens—good and bad and that's how it's always going to be. Don't let that be your excuse for quitting.
- Instead, use that as your reason for staying focused—for winning! I guarantee you, you will feel so much better when you've accomplished your goals.



Graduation Application

If you are graduating at the end of the Spring semester you need to complete a Graduation Application. **This is a very important step because the application is how your degree gets posted on your transcripts. You want your transcripts to reflect that you have received a degree when you send them to Universities or submit them for a job application.** When you submit a graduation application, the registrar double checks your degree and makes sure that you meet all the requirements for graduation. If you are missing any of the requirements, you and your advisor will be contacted to make any necessary changes. The application is also where you can decide if you would like to walk during graduation.

Please copy and paste the following URL into your web browser to complete the online Graduation Application as soon as possible. If you have any questions about filling out the Graduation Application please contact your TRiO Advisor.

<https://www.ojc.edu/currentstudents/student-services/gradapp.aspx>



TRiO D2L

Visit the TRiO D2L page by logging into your OJC Desire 2 Learn and clicking on the TRiO Class Link. The TRiO D2L webpage contains important information, deadlines, workshops, resources, and more. If you do not have access to the TRiO D2L webpage please contact a TRiO Advisor.



Drop Vs. Withdraw

Drop Deadline

Tuesday, January 26th, 2021



The drop deadline is the last day to get out of a course and receive a refund. This deadline is early in the semester, normally within the first few weeks. You can leave a course without having to pay anything back, there is no effect on your GPA or your Financial Aid.

Withdraw Deadline

Thursday, April 8th, 2021



The withdraw deadline is your last chance to leave a course before receiving your final grade. This is later in the semester, and does have consequences. When you withdraw you must still pay for the class, a “W” will show on your transcript, it does not effect your GPA but will count as attempted but not earned credits which can effect your Financial Aid.



Ordering Text Books

Ordering books for the Spring Semester must be done online at our virtual bookstore. Because you order your books online, you do have to wait for them to come in the mail, so please order your books ASAP.

Step 1: Search Bookstore



Step 2: Click Virtual Bookstore

The Otero Junior College Bookstore has transitioned into a virtual bookstore for all your textbook needs. All books or material required for courses will need to be ordered through eCampus.com, a virtual online bookstore site.

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Keep in Mind...



- **FASFA** has now opened up for the Fall 2021 semester (next year), get started now so your not rushing later
- **Loan applications** can be time consuming, get them done and out of the way so you can focus on your classes and wont have to worry about completing the application at the end of the semester
- Most **OJC Scholarships** for Next Year close April 1st 2021 (*this includes scholarships to other colleges*) get started now so that your not rushing later
- If you are planning on **Transferring for Fall 2021** it is important to start thinking about sending transcripts to the school (s) your considering along with filling out those schools applications and scholarships

TRiO Check-Out Program

Do you have a computer to use to complete your online class work? Maybe you are using an old computer, have to borrow someone else's computer, share a computer, or even check one out each week from the Learning Commons. If you are in a similar situation to any of the above scenarios stop by and talk to a TRiO advisor about their Computer Check-Out Program. With this program, TRiO participants are able to check out a computer for the duration of the semester. If students withdraw or drop all of their courses the student will be required to return their computer at this time. Contact a TRiO advisor today to discuss the Computer Check-Out Program and see if it is a good fit for you.



Other items that can be checked out include: Text Books and Calculators

Items that TRiO students can use on-campus include: Microscopes

RETURNING ITEMS: All items checked out for the Spring semester need to be returned by **April 30th, 2021** unless other arrangements are made. If items are not returned, you will be charged for any missing items.



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