



# SOAR '26

Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration



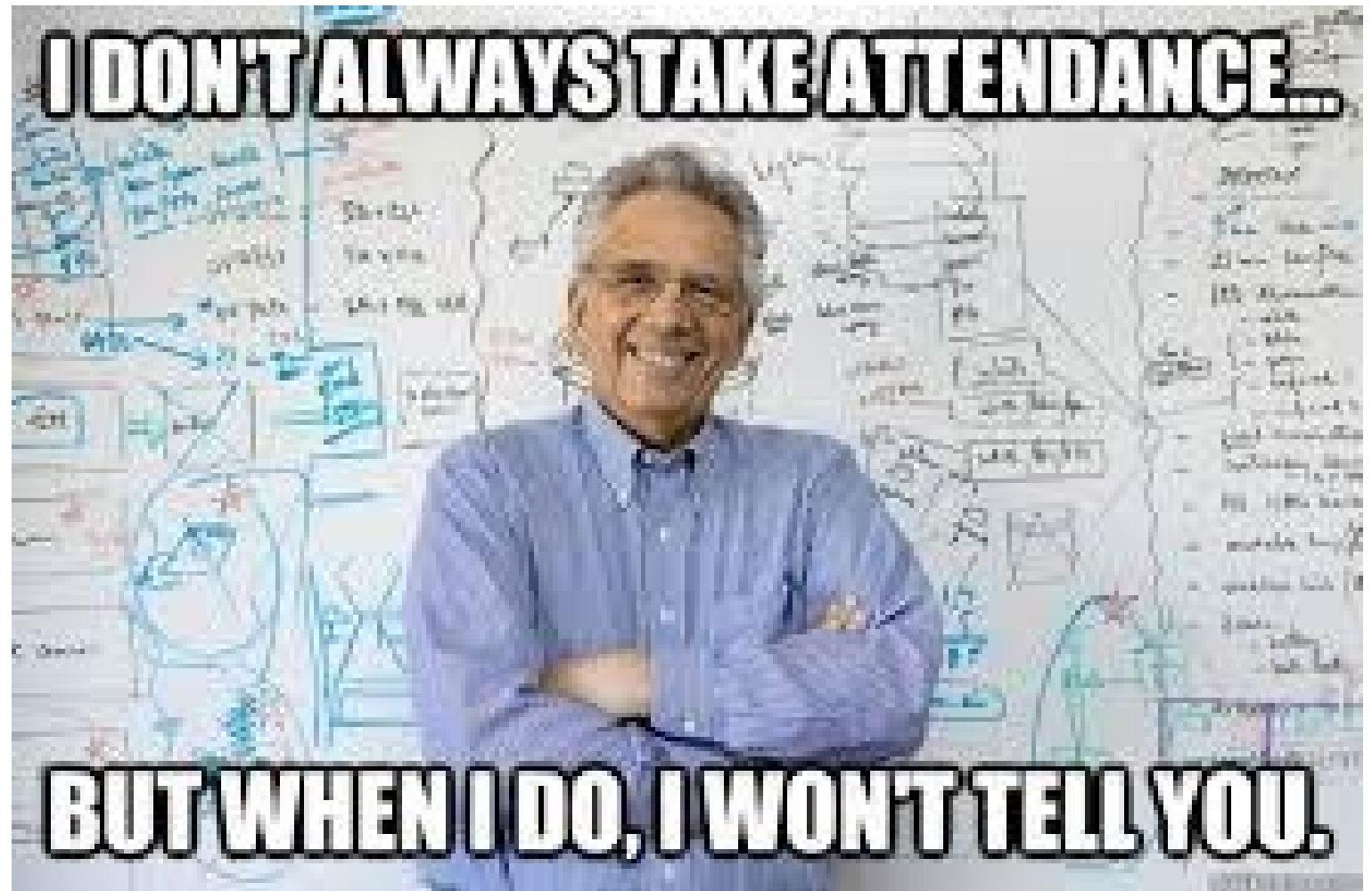
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A Deadline is Not a Suggestion

# Go to Class

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This one is non-negotiable



# Go to class



Students are expected to attend all classes and activities on time.



Some professors will announce test and project dates only in class



There are many bits of knowledge and pieces of wisdom that will be gained through class attendance



Attendance points are a thing in some classes

# Go to class

Professors notice when  
you are absent

It will benefit you to  
build a professional  
relationship with your  
instructors and  
classmates

# What if you miss

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Read the missed class policy in your syllabus

2

Contact your professor ASAP, usually via email

3

Contact a classmate

4

Talk to your professor after the next class

# Get Organized

Sometimes we let life guide us, and other times we take life by the horns. But one thing is for sure: no matter how organized we are, or how well we plan, we can always expect the unexpected.



# Get organized

## Use a Planner

- University dates of importance
  - First Day of Class
  - Days to Drop by
  - Last Day of Classes
  - Final Exam Days and Time

## Spring Final Exam Schedule

Class Period	Class Day	Exam Time and Date
<i>Day Exams</i>		
4:30 - 5:50	MW	6:00 - 8:00 Friday April 30
9:05-10:00	MWF	8:00 - 10:00 Monday, May 3
9:30 - 10:50	TR	10:30 - 12:30 Monday, May 3
1:25 - 2:20	MWF	1:00 - 3:00 Monday, May 3

Last Day of Classes and Last Day of Semester are NOT the same day!

# Get organized

## Use a Planner

- Record all Class dates
  - Assignments
  - Presentations
  - TESTS!
- A deadline is not a suggestion

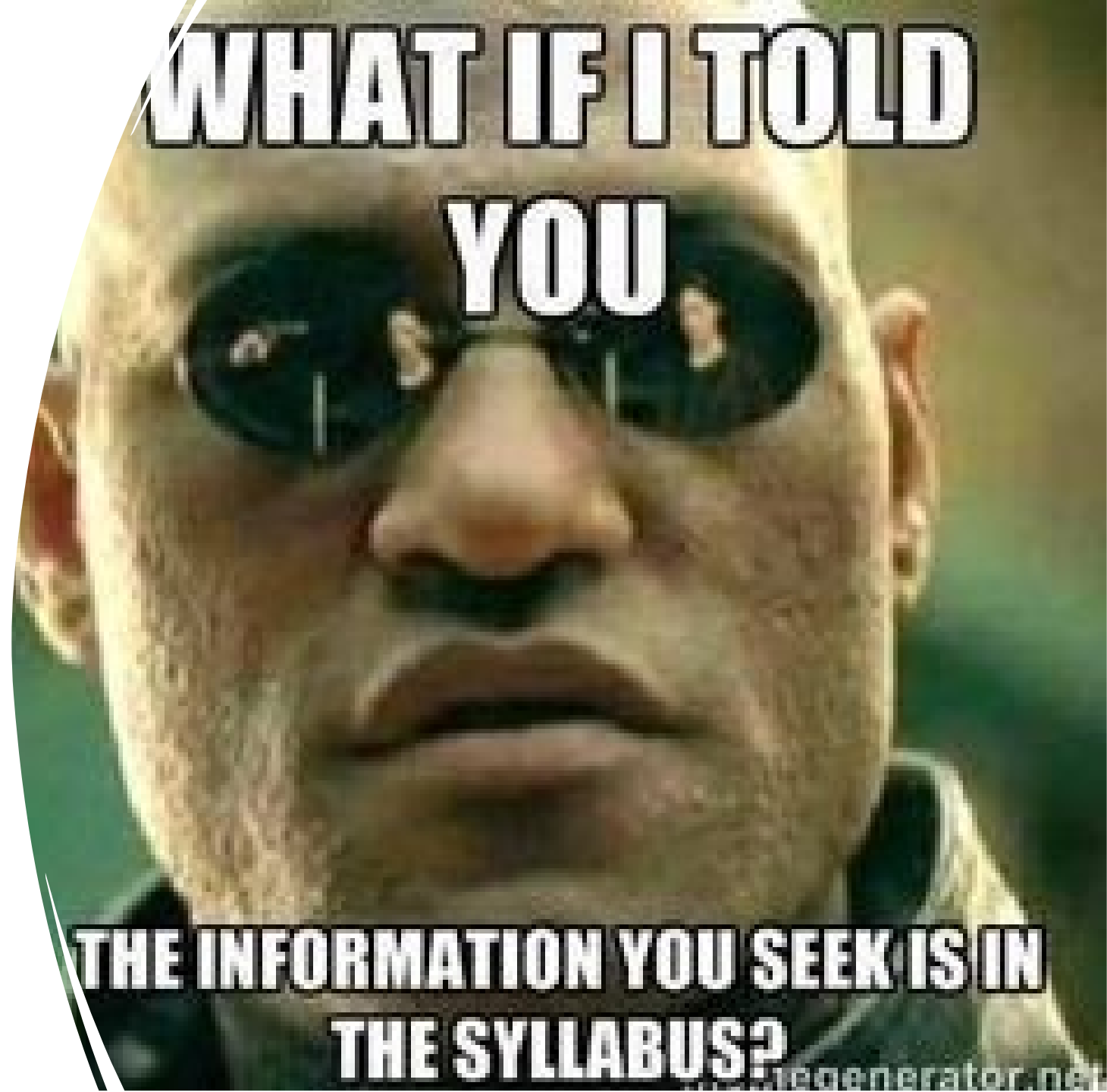
Remember: Some professors only give test and assignment dates in Class!



# Get organized

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- Use the Syllabus - it is the key to the class
- Professor Information
- Class Information
- Grade Information
- Policies



# Get Organized

## Myths Debunked

- Professors are NOT required to extend due dates
- Professors are NOT required to give Makeup Exams
- Professors are NOT required to give extra credit
- Professors are NOT required to remind you of due dates



# What if I become Disorganized?



- Ask for help
  - Professors want you to succeed
    - Most will try just as hard for you to succeed as you do, we will not try harder.
  - Classes available on campus on how to study, time management, etc.
  - Find a friend or classmate who is really organized and ask for help



# Get to Know your Professors

The best college professors are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see.



# Get to know your professors

- Good professors are invaluable to you
  - They want you to succeed
  - They are great resources
    - For jobs, recommendations, etc.
    - For university information
    - For life advice
- Find their offices
  - Office Hours
  - Drop In
- Hang onto their contact information, it is not just for the semester

# Get to know your professors

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- Good professors can and will help you throughout your college journey and beyond
  - Recommendation Letters -- if I don't know who you are I can't recommend you
  - Internships
  - Jobs





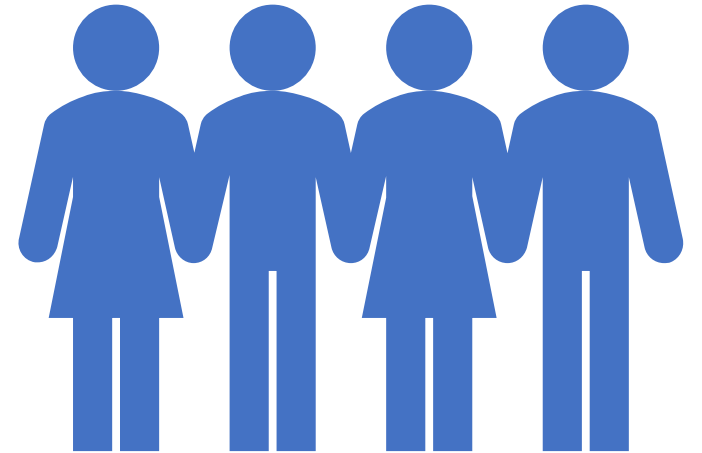
# **Build connections with your classmates**

The friends you make in college become your connections in adulthood.



# Build connections with your classmates

- College is where many lifelong friendships are formed
- Study groups
- People with same interests
  - Majors
  - Extracurricular
- People with skill sets different than yours



# Keys to Classroom Success

- Go to class – This one is non-negotiable and will benefit you in building a professional relationship with your instructors!
- Get organized – Buy a planner or download a mobile planning app and use it!
- Get to know your professors – They can help you throughout your college journey!
- Build connections with your classmates – College is where many lifelong friendships are formed!

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