What are Your Chances of Success in College?

Good?

• Be open to different and better ways of learning.
• Attend review sessions, ask questions in class and join study groups.
• Choose to understand; rewrite and take notes; make questions and answers from main ideas and details.
• Read to understand, learn, and remember.
• Study early and often. Ask questions and ask for help.
• Estimate time needed for assignments. Plan your time. Break large assignments into smaller pieces.
• Self-test to see what you don’t know BEFORE taking exams.
• Balance time between academics and personal time.
• Be willing to learn and do what is necessary to succeed in college. Develop a plan to do this.
• Maintain a positive attitude about learning. Be willing to devote yourself to getting a degree.

Bad?

• Don’t get or improve your skills.
• Don’t take advantage of learning opportunities.
• Memorize instead of understand.
• Read because you have to, with the goal of “just finishing.”
• Cram. Ignore your confusion. Emphasize recognition, not understanding of subject matter.
• Misjudge time needed to complete tasks. Begin late, so your result is poor.
• Don’t realize what you don’t know until after you fail the test.
• Make most of your time personal time.
• Resist doing what you have to for success. Don’t plan to succeed.
• Decide to be negative and complain about the work you have to do.