

First-Generation Student Success

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What is First-Generation?

Ramapo College of New Jersey defines a **first-generation student** as a student where neither parent(s) nor legal guardian(s) have completed a bachelor's degree in the U.S.

About **49%** of the incoming first-year class identify as first-generation!



Let's Hear From You!

Think back to when your student received their acceptance letter to **Ramapo College of New Jersey**...

What were some emotions they felt?



Our Mission:

- To provide **purposeful support and engaging services** to create an **equitable environment** for first-generation Roadrunners.
- To promote first-generation **student success** through learning experiences that **cultivate a sense of belonging** and encourage **holistic student development**.



First-Generation Student Center

Visit our Center in D-208, located among other centers and offices focused on student success!

Our Services include...

- Lounge/Study space
- Dedicated Staff!
- Satellite Food Pantry
- Smaller Events
- Center for Reading & Writing Drop-In Hours



Today's Purpose

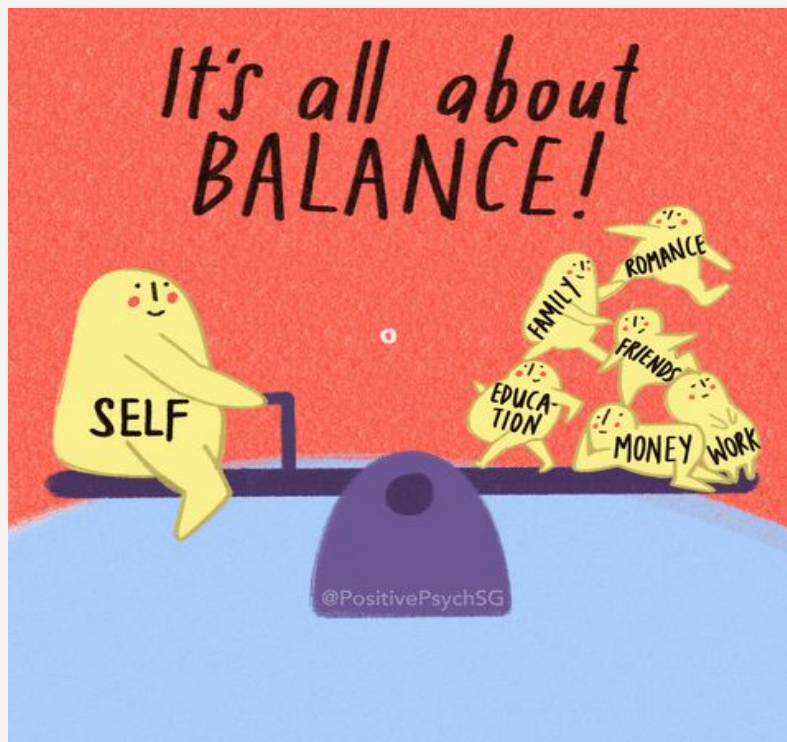
The reality is most high-school graduates are challenged by college work.

Why?



Today's Purpose

We will discuss ways in which you can support your first-generation Roadrunners throughout their college journey.



Let's look at a week in the life of an example Ramapo student...

Meet Selena!

Selena is a **first-generation college student!** She is a **first-year** student in her fall semester as an **Environmental Science major.**

Selena is juggling her **classes** and time for **homework and studying**, along with an **off-campus job** to help her with college expenses. Selena is interested in getting involved in the campus community by **joining clubs and attending campus events.**

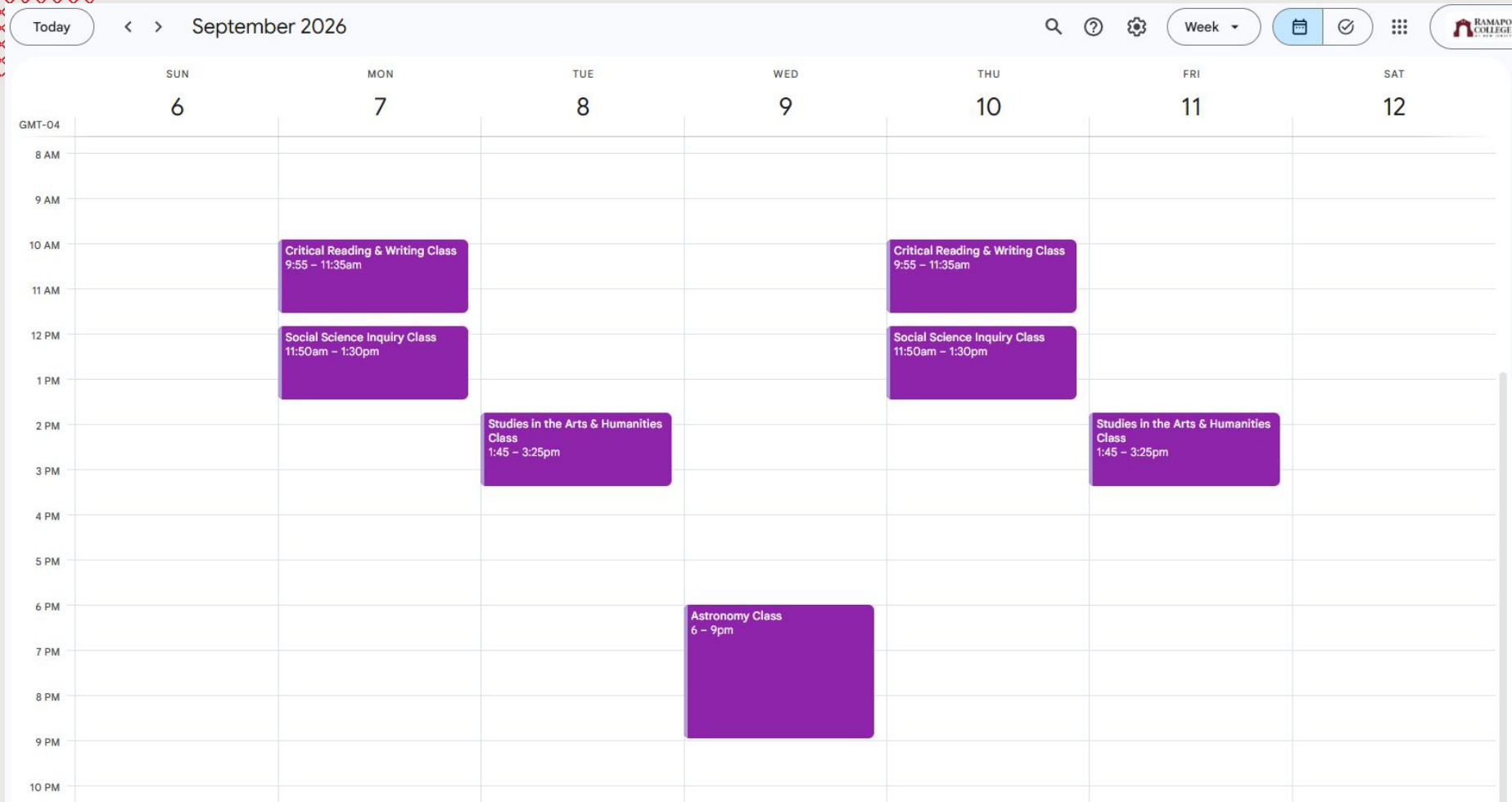
Selena is also close to her loved ones and prioritizes time with them.



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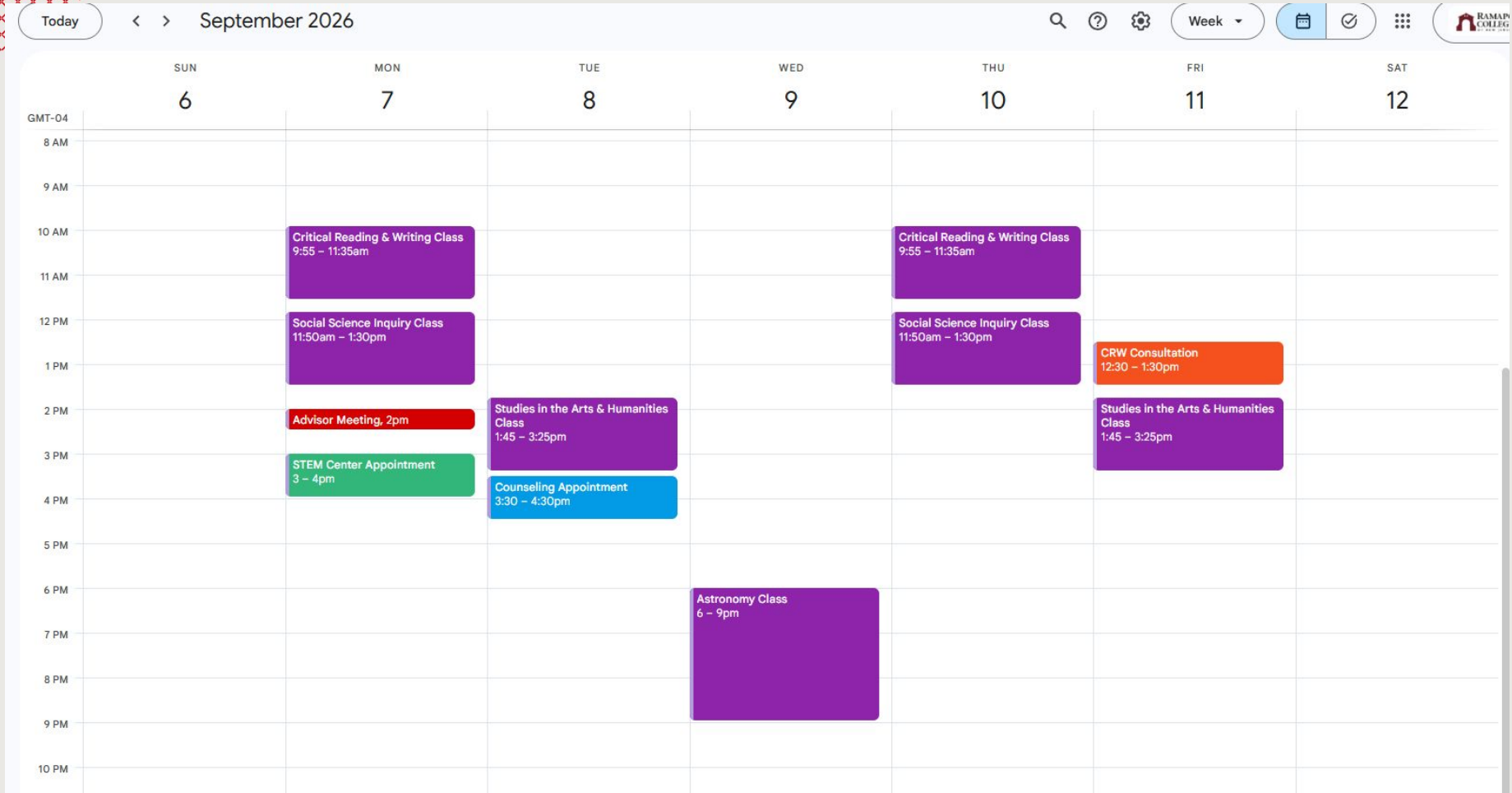
Week in the Life of Selena...

Class Time:



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Meetings & Appointments:



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STEM Center

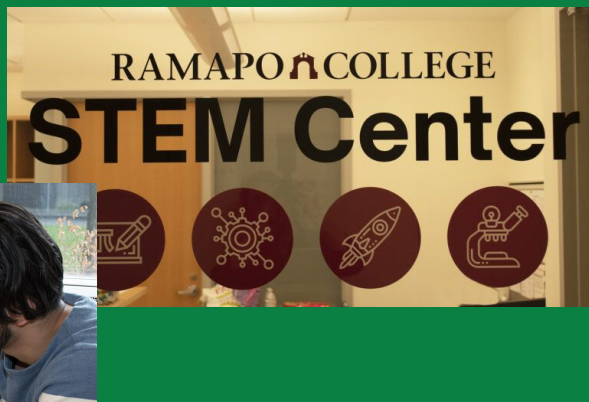
Walk-in tutoring and tutoring by appointment in Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer/Data Science.

Peer tutors chosen by professors..

STEM professional staff support for student success.

STEM workshops offered.

STEM community building events.



Center for Reading & Writing

Offers one-on-one consulting sessions in writing and reading to students on all academic levels, both virtually and in-person.

Assists in all stages of the writing process, from brainstorming to polishing final papers.

Provides reading strategies for difficult texts.



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Meetings & Appointments:

Advisor

First-year students meet with their assigned Academic Advisor in the Center for Student Success each semester for one-on-one advisement, guidance, and resources.



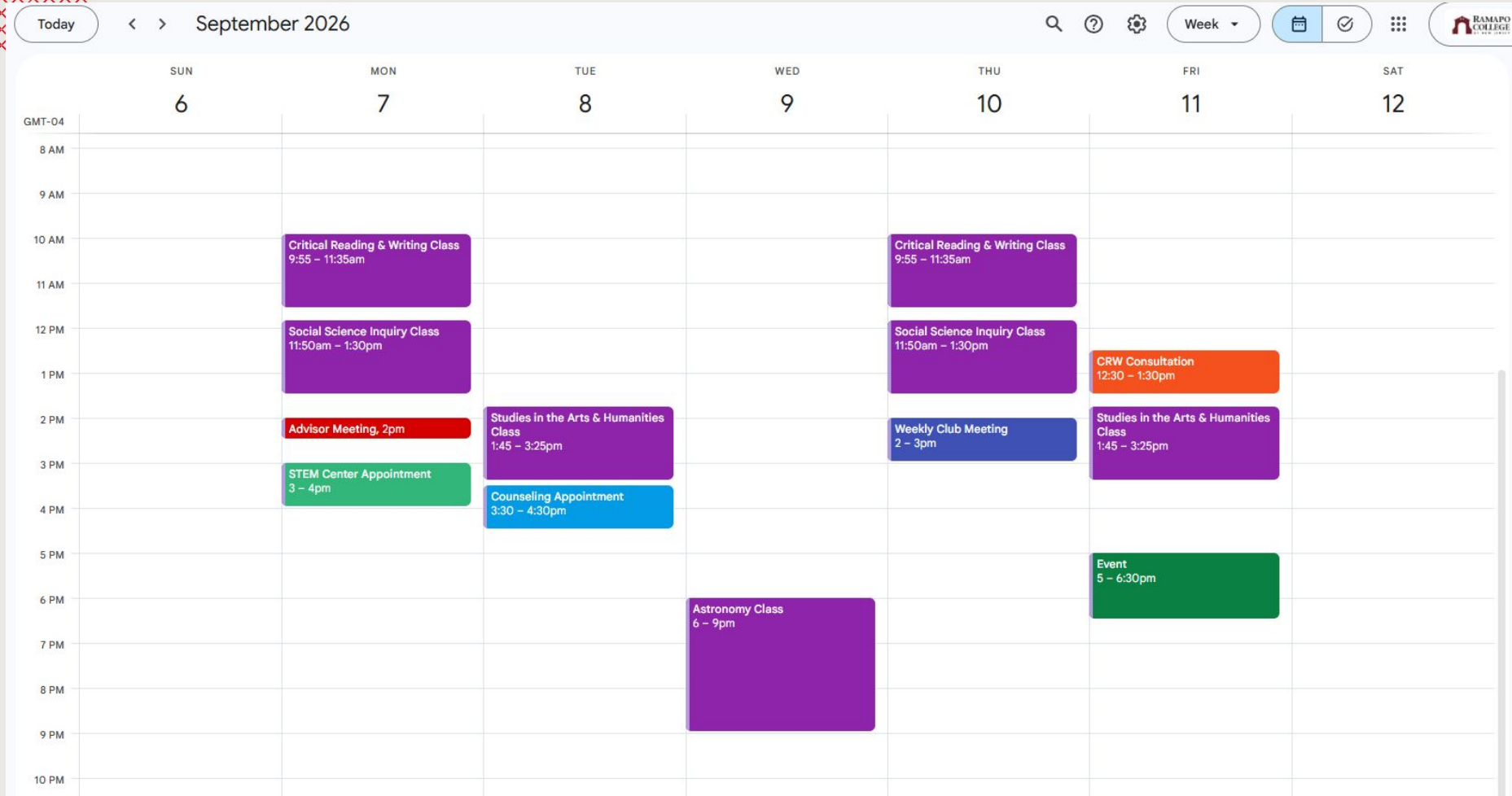
Counseling Services

Supports students' mental health and emotional well-being, offering individual counseling, crisis intervention, psychiatric services, and more, including events!



Week in the Life of Selena...

Campus Involvement:



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Campus Involvement:

Clubs & Organizations - open to all students & includes...

- Student Government Association
- WRPR
- Black Student Union
- Literature Club
- & more!

Greek Life!



Events on Campus

Hosted all year by...

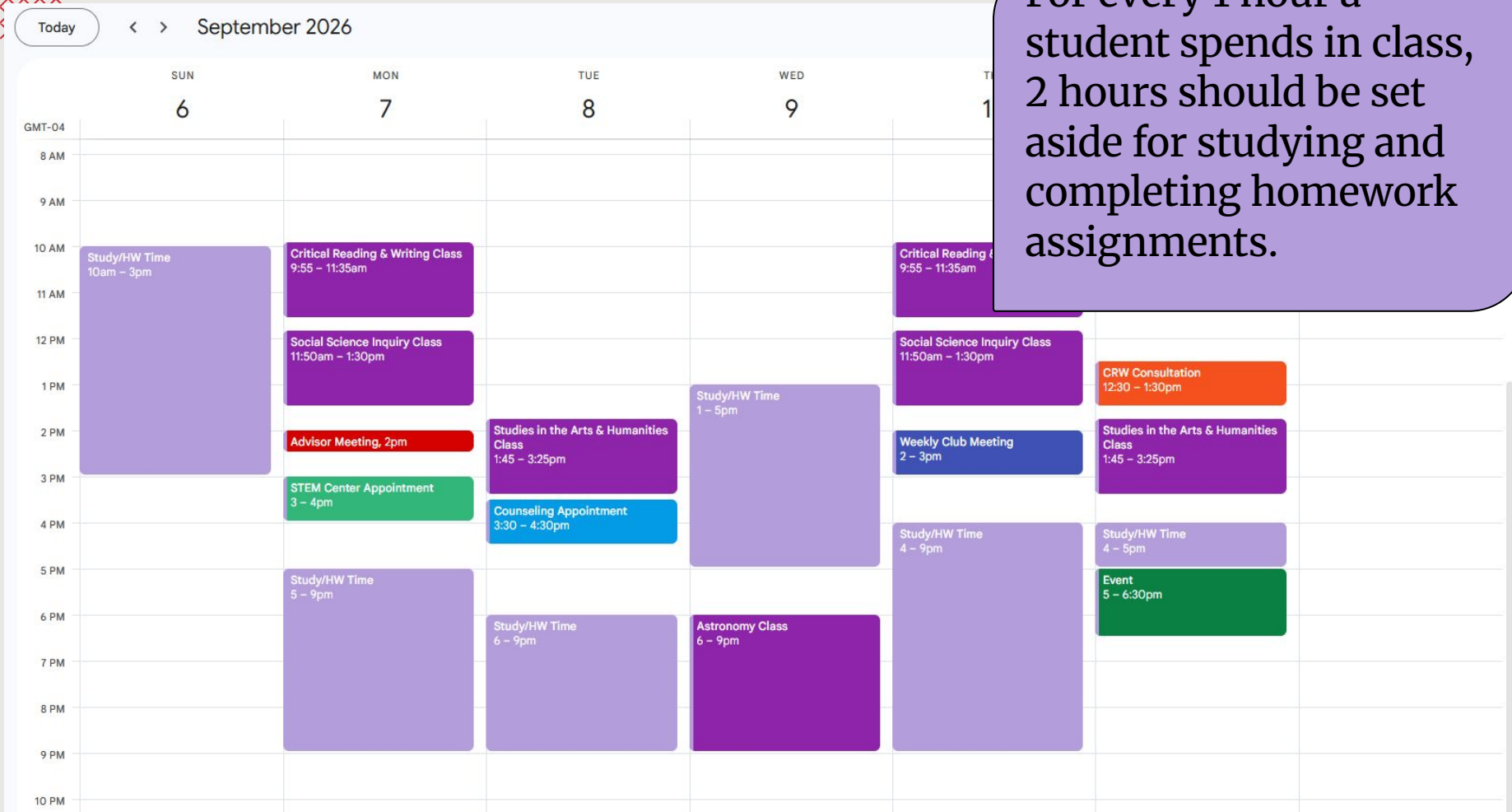
- Center for Student Involvement
- First-Generation Student Center
- Residence Life
- & more!



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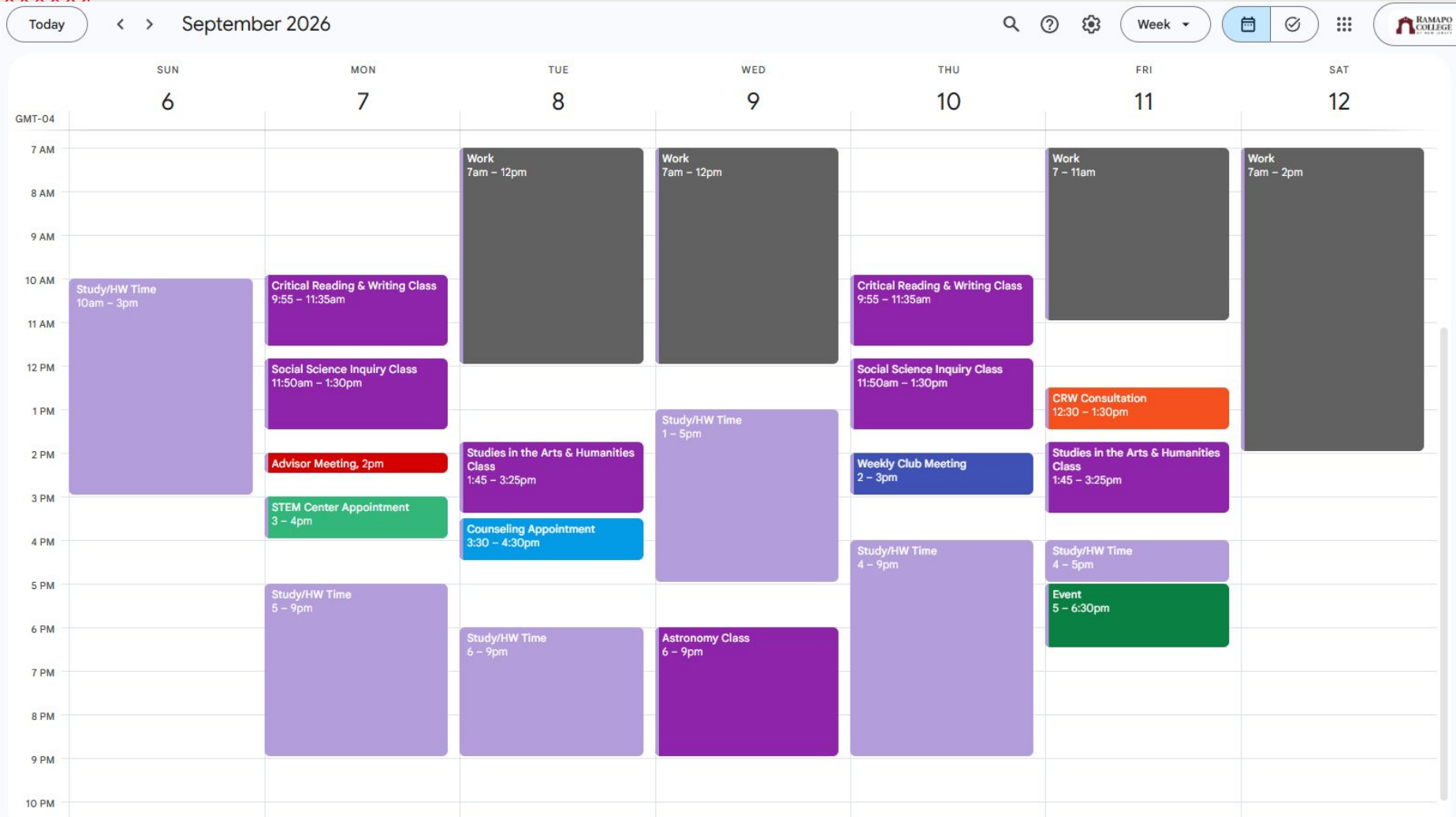
Study & Homework Time:

For every 1 hour a student spends in class, 2 hours should be set aside for studying and completing homework assignments.



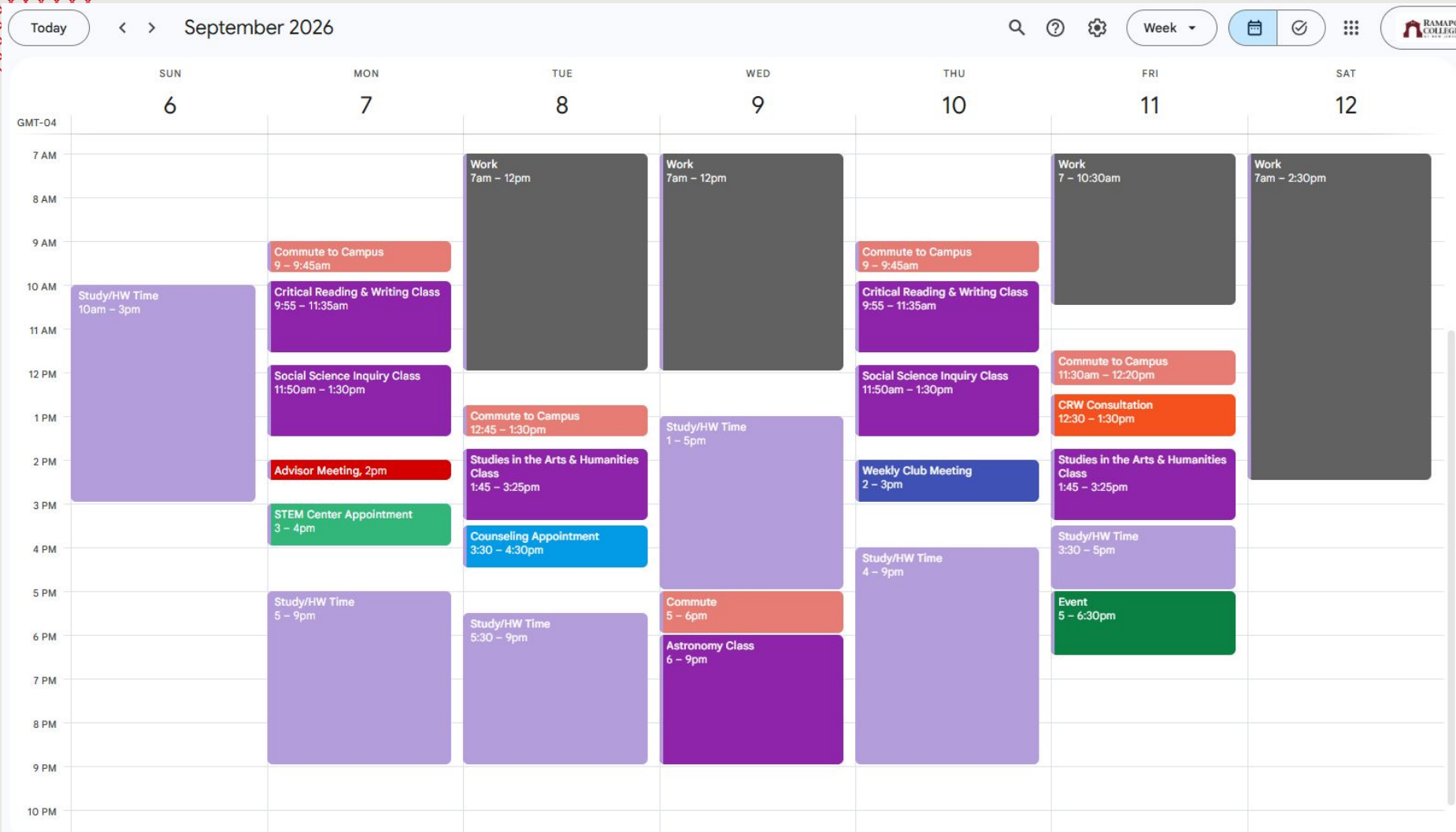
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Off-Campus Job:



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Commute:



Although your student's schedule may look different, **what are your thoughts** after seeing our example student *Selena's* week?

One way to get first-generation students prepared for their experiences in college is to build skills and acclimate to campus in the...



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Legacies in the Making

First-Gen Summer Pre-College Program

To assist first-generation students with their transition to Ramapo College through workshops, activities, and community building that foster a sense of belonging.

Dates:

August 20-22, 2026.

Encourage your student to visit

<https://www.ramapo.edu/first-gen/>
to apply today!

Deadline: July 23, 2026



Legacies in the Making: Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a fee to sign up for the Legacies program?

No, the program is FREE.

How does my student sign up for the Legacies program?

Visit <https://www.ramapo.edu/first-gen/> to apply.

Is the summer program available to commuter students too?

Yes, residential and commuter students are welcome.

How is my student supported by FGEN after the Legacies program?

Students who go through the program are supported by the FGEN Student Development Specialist, serving as their advisor for their first two years.

Tri-Alpha Honor Society

Alpha Alpha Alpha (Tri-Alpha) is a national honor society for first-generation college students that supports and recognizes their academic achievements.



Scholarship Opportunities



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will open for applications for the 26/27 year in August.

Tentative Open Date – August 15

Close Date – September 15

A new general application must be completed for each academic year.

Please check for updates often.



[Apply for Scholarships](#)



I'm here to help! Say "Hi" to start.



Visit <https://www.ramapo.edu/scholarships/> to learn more!

Other Resources

- Center for Student Wellness, First-Gen Counselor
- Office of Specialized Services
- Learning Commons: First-Gen Library Connections
- Cahill Career Development Center
- First-Gen Faculty/Staff Community
- [We Care Program](#)
 - Food Pantry
 - Professional Clothing Closet
 - Laptop Upcycle @Ramapo
 - Student Relief Fund



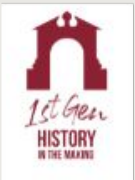
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