3 Email Templates to Use With Professors

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When You've Missed An Assignment

Dear Professor.

I am sorry that I have not turned in the last two assignments. Recently, I have been struggling to focus on my work. I have been overwhelmed by my classes and other things that are going on. I am going to find resources on campus that can help me to better manage my time and balance the work I have. I would also greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with you to create a plan for how I can make up these assignments. Thank you,

(Your name)

When You've Missed Class

Dear Professor,

I am sorry that I have missed the last couple of classes. Recently, I have been struggling and overwhelmed and unable to get to class. I am currently working with staff on campus to get some support around these concerns and have also connected with the ______(fill in name of office such as Counseling Center, Tutoring Center, RA, etc.). I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with you to create a plan for how I can make up the work I missed for theses classes.

Thank you,

(Your name)

When You're Struggling With An Assignment

Dear Professor,

I wanted to reach out about ____ assignment that is due soon. I've been reading over the instructions on the syllabus/course portal, but I still don't understand how I'm supposed to approach this assignment or organize my thoughts. I'm feeling a bit lost and overwhelmed. Can we find a time to talk this through more so I could get on track? This is what I currently understand: (fill in what you know about the assignment)

But I still have a question about: (<u>fill in your question here</u>)
Thank you,

(Your name)

PROFESSORS WANT TO HELP YOU!
IT'S OKAY TO REACH OUT AND BE
TRANSPARENT THAT YOU'RE
STRUGGLING OR DON'T
UNDERSTAND SOMETHING.

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