

Working Effectively with Research Students

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Working effectively with research students: Outline

- Working with students – general thoughts
- Writing guidelines for your lab group
- Three skills to work on with students
 - Teaching time management
 - Sketch a thesis/project timeline
 - Goal setting

Guidelines for students:

Common Themes

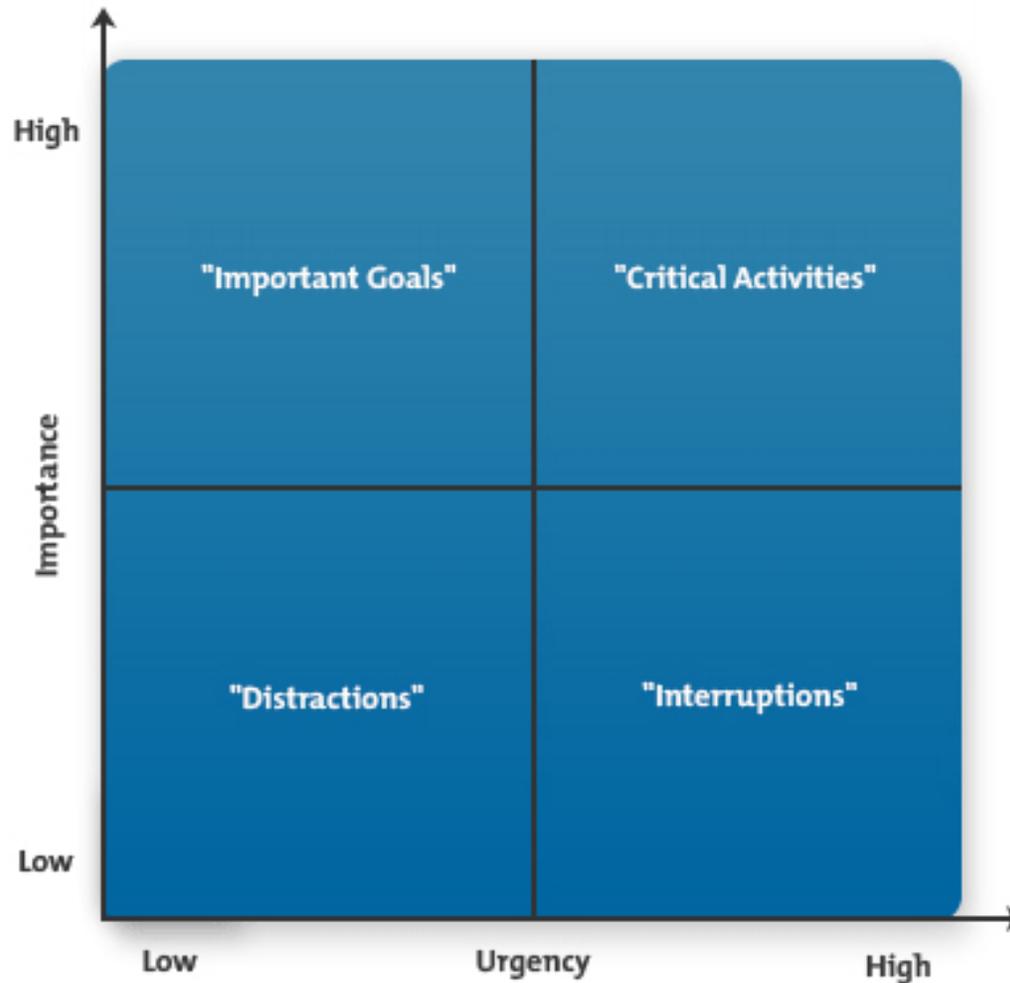
- What can the student expect of the mentor?
- What does the mentor expect of the student?
- This is not a contract; it can be flexible and adapt over time
- See examples provided...

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Common Themes

- Time management/ time commitment
- Structure of meetings with advisor, committee, lab group
- Lab rules and safety
- Differing schedules between faculty, staff, students
- Finding funding for research
- Intellectual property

Time management with the Important/Urgent Matrix



(popularized by Steven Covey, *“7 Habits of Highly Effective People”*) Note there are “apps” for this now, that manage to do lists in a similar manner

What is your goal for research with students in your lab?

- Long term (1-3 years)
- Short term (1-12 months)