



Developing Your Study Skills

1 COMPLETE THE ASSIGNED READINGS BEFORE CLASS

A lot of times your teacher will build his/her lecture off of the readings.

By completing the reading before you go to class, you will pick up important key terms and concepts and will have a better understanding of the topics when they are discussed in class.

2 FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THE TEST WILL COVER

Ask your instructor questions like:

- What material will the test cover?
- Which topics are most important?
- Will there be a test review?

3 FIND A GOOD PLACE TO STUDY

Assign yourself a specific place to study and set a regular time to study each day.

Make sure that your study place is comfortable and free from distractions.

4 CREATE YOUR OWN STUDY GUIDES

After each class and after you read each chapter in your textbook, write down three to five questions (per chapter) that you think your teacher may ask on the exam.

By the time your test rolls around, you will have a great study tool for preparing for your test.

Helpful Study Tips



5 GO TO CLASS AND TAKE GOOD NOTES

There is no substitute for being present in lecture and taking your own set of notes.

Most exams will focus on lecture material.

Therefore, a complete set of useable lecture notes is your most important study tool.

6 CREATE FLASH CARDS

Flash cards are easy to make. On one side write a key term or a question, and on the other side write the definition or the answer. Flash cards are a helpful tool that will allow you to quiz yourself as you prepare for your tests.

7 STUDY WITH OTHER STUDENTS

Find a study partner the first week of class and make it part of your weekly routine.

8 ACCESS ONLINE RESOURCES FOR YOUR CLASS

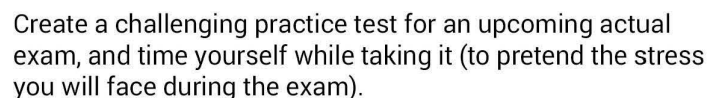
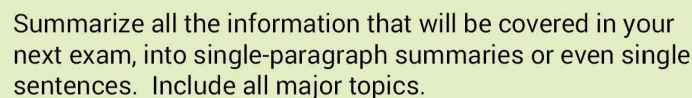
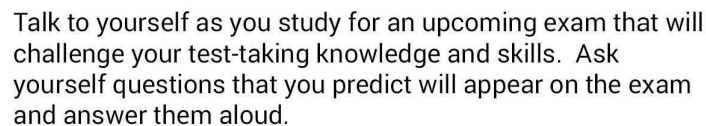
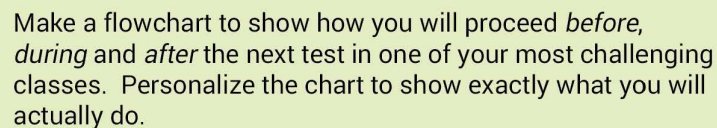
Usually these resources have study guides, review questions, flash cards, and concept maps already developed for you. Take advantage of these tools to help you be successful as you study.



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Control Your Learning



Your Toughest Class

Think about your most challenging class. Identify one key challenge you face and develop a step-by-step action plan to deal with this one challenge. For example, Joe's Calculus class is his most challenging. His action plan might look like this:

1. Reread the information provided on this worksheet to prepare for tests.
2. Meet with my professor to discuss my challenges in her class.
3. Show her this action plan, and ask for her suggestions.
4. Keep a journal of my progress to note improvement.
5. Meet with my professor 4 additional times this term.

NOW DO THE SAME FOR YOUR *MOST* CHALLENGING CLASS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____
