

Study Tips

Having A More Positive Outlook on Studying: A lot of people think of studying as a chore and not as something fun to do. It helps to think more positively when you study. When you are crammed for time to study, you might think that you don't have enough time to study for your test. If you say something more positive like "I know this isn't as much studying as I would like, but at least I am getting some studying done now. Learning new things can be fun, especially when it is something you are passionate about. You will come across some classes that might not align to your interests. When you have those courses, try to find something that will be helpful to you in that experience.

Finding a Good Place to Study: Where you study is also important. Being in a place that people talk a lot or other noise is happening, something that distracts you, is a bad idea. Even studying in your bed room could be negative for studying because you might want to watch TV or browse the web and you will lose interest in your studying. Quiet places like the library, your student lounge, or an empty classroom are all good places to study. Make sure that the place you study isn't loud and doesn't have a lot of people in it. It might take some time to find a good study space. It might not happen the first time even. It is important to find a study space that will work for your needs and your habits so choose carefully.

Only Bring Stuff You Need: When you find a good place to study, you might be inclined to bring something you don't really need, something that may distract you. If you don't need it, leave your laptop in your room, put your phone in your bag so you don't look at it. Electronic devices tend to distract people from studying. It is important that you put those things away and focus on the task you came to do: STUDYING. Make sure to bring the things you need to study for your classes like books, reviews for exams, papers, etc that you intend to work on during your study session.

"Practice Makes Perfect": There are many ways that you can practice for a test. You can practice with practice tests or past quizzes you have take. You can also use flash cards to help you learn material. It might help to study with a friend or a small group from your class. You can quiz each other and review material from class like notes or sections you have read in your book, things like that.

Make set time for studying: Many students think that studying is something you do when you have some free time to spare. It is more helpful to schedule these study times. Put some half-hour times or even an hour of time for the class you want to study for into your schedule. It will be better to spread your studying out versus cramming your studying into one all-nighter.

Pay Close Attention in Class: All of your professors have a unique perspective on teaching in the classroom. If they put something up on the whiteboard or project a PowerPoint on their computer, write those things down. Make sure to pay attention to what the professor is saying about the content too, that is important as well. Talking with your professor about how to be better prepared for their class and asking them for some tips on being successful in their class goes a long way.