

How To

SUCCEED IN CLASS

Showing up for class isn't enough. To succeed in your classes, you need to be engaged and involved.

When you're engaged, you are more likely to learn and remember what's being taught, the time goes faster, and you have a lot less to learn on your own.



CLASS SUCCESS TIPS

Be prepared

When you come to class, have all of your homework done, and bring everything you'll need with you. Be alert, well rested, and ready to learn.

Eliminate distractions

Put away anything that isn't directly related to what you are doing in that class.

Have a positive attitude

Walk into each class with a positive attitude and be determined to learn as much as you can. Remember, the more you learn in class, the less you need to learn on your own.

Participate

The best way to stay engaged in your classes is to be an active participant. Ask and answer questions, and participate in discussions.

There is nothing a teacher likes more than a student who is genuinely motivated and engaged in the classroom experience. Be that student!

CLASS SUCCESS TIPS

Be a good group member

Being able to work well as part of a group is a skill that will help you succeed in school and in a career. Look at group work as an opportunity to develop and improve this important skill.

Take good notes

Most test questions come from information that's been presented in class. It is, therefore, important to have notes that are organized, neat, and complete to study from.

Taking notes also helps you pay attention and stay focused—when you're taking notes, you don't have time to think about or do anything else.

Watch your body language

Use body language that shows you're engaged and paying attention. Sit up straight and look at your teacher when he/she is speaking. (If you act interested and engaged, you just may find that you feel more interested and engaged.)

Get back on track

All students get distracted and daydream sometimes, even when they're trying to pay attention. When you catch your attention drifting, notice it, and refocus on the class.

TAKE THE RIGHT CLASSES

To succeed in school, you need to be in the right classes. If you're in courses that are too hard, you'll be frustrated and discouraged. If you're in courses that are too easy, you'll be bored. And if you are taking courses that don't interest you, you'll have a hard time staying motivated.

Choose your classes wisely, and if you ever find yourself in a class that doesn't seem to be right for you, talk to the teacher or see your counselor/advisor.