

College 101: 10 Study Tips and Tricks

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How to study right?



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Tip #1: Be prepared. Invest in a school/yearly planner. Use your syllabi* from your classes and make note of all your exam dates, essay deadlines, and advising appointments.

Make sure you either have a physical or online copy of the textbook for all your classes.

*Yes the plural of syllabus is syllabi and not syllabuses

Tip #2: Take time out of each day to study a little for your classes, especially if you have an exam for a class in the next two weeks.

Review written notes, slides, book chapters, and go to office hours for help.

Research has shown that highlighting, rereading, and cramming aren't too effective. Then what is?

Tip #4: Do Practice Tests! Read the material, go through your notes, watch videos to cover any misunderstandings, and then quiz yourself.

Other Tips:

Tip #5: Use online platforms/video companies like Khan Academy and Chad's Videos to help with all your classes and standardized exams.

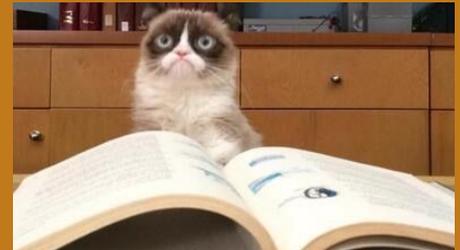
Tip #6: Don't be afraid to ask for help. Upperclassmen, peer leaders, teaching assistants, and professors want to help you get that A.

Tip #7: Do not take final exams lightly.

When to study?

Tip #8: Use your time wisely. Study as much as you can during breaks and on weekends. Be focused, don't waste your study time because the more you study, the better.

Rule of thumb: Usually it's said that for every credit hour the class is, you should spend about 2-3 hours a week studying that material.



Tip #9: Do NOT leave things until the end. Procrastination is never a good idea. Plan out study times (individual or in groups) in advance.

Take time to review your classroom notes either after class or a day later.

Although it may be hard, manage your time wisely with the help of planners or to-do lists. This leads to less cramming and more efficient studying for exams.

Where to Study?



Tip #10: Take full advantage of all the places and spaces our campus offers for you to study. We recommend:

- The Richard Daley Library (floor depends on your studying style)
- Student Center East (Montgomery Lounge + Pier Room)
- Our own Burnham Hall
- All over BSB
- 2nd floor of University Hall
- Any of the learning/tutoring centers

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