

STUDENT SUCCESS TIPS



DO I REALLY HAVE TO GO TO CLASS?

YES! Look almost anywhere or ask almost anyone and you will discover that one of the most important keys to college success is ATTENDING CLASS. Need a little persuasion on why attending class is so important? Keep reading.

Believe it or not instructors notice when you are not there. Many take attendance at every class. Many have policies about attendance and impose grade penalties for missing class. When a student is not in class the instructor may feel that the student does not take the class or their learning seriously.

Some classes are not textbook driven. This means that the bulk of any exams or assignments come from lecture materials and not from the textbook. Therefore, missing class is often detrimental to being able to achieve a good grade in such a class.

Most instructors use class time not only to go over material covered in class, but also to clarify and emphasize material that will be covered on tests. Information may be presented in a different way in class, and class discussion and questions only help emphasize the material even more. Studies show that the more ways a student hears, sees or analyzes material, the more the student will retain the knowledge.

Engagement with professors and other students is a very important part of the learning process.

Students do better when they attend class. Period.





"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand."

Chinese Proverb

I JUST CAN'T CONCENTRATE!

Are you having trouble concentrating on your studies? Here are some tips on how to improve your concentration and consequently improve your studying and grades.

- Identify what causes you to lose your concentration.
 - Once you identify what is affecting your concentration then you will be better able to control or eliminate those factors.
- Take control of your day dreaming. We all day dream. But if you are aware that you are day dreaming force yourself to stop and get refocused on your studying.
- Create a good study environment free of distractions.
 - Make sure you are not too hungry or tired.
 - Find an area free of people talking, music, TV, etc.
 - If you must have music, make it something instrumental only.
 - Ensure adequate lighting and temperature.
- Have a plan. Make a specific schedule of when you will study during the week and stick to it. You are more likely to study when you have study time already planned into your schedule.
- Break big projects into small intervals. Set a specific and realistic time period to study. This way you will always have an end in sight.
- Take breaks.
- Separate similar assignments/subjects so you don't get too bored.
- Study your more difficult subjects first. Save the easier ones for last.
- Study actively. What does that mean? Read out loud; take notes; summarize sections as you go.
- Reward yourself. Take time to do something fun or relaxing after a productive study session. You deserve it!

Did I Miss Anything? *Tom Wayman*

Nothing. When we realized you weren't here
we sat with our hands folded on our desks
in silence, for the full two hours

Everything. I gave an exam worth
40 per cent of the grade for this term
and assigned some reading due today
on which I'm about to hand out a quiz
worth 50 per cent

Nothing. None of the content of this course
has value or meaning
Take as many days off as you like:
any activities we undertake as a class
I assure you will not matter either to you or me
and are without purpose

Everything. A few minutes after we began last time
a shaft of light descended and an angel
or other heavenly being appeared
and revealed to us what each woman or man must do
to attain divine wisdom in this life and
the hereafter
This is the last time the class will meet
before we disperse to bring this good news to all people
on earth

Nothing. When you are not present
how could something significant occur?

Everything. Contained in this classroom
is a microcosm of human existence
assembled for you to query and examine and ponder
This is not the only place such an opportunity has been
gathered

but it was one place

And you weren't here

