

Succeeding in a Large Lecture Class

TIP 1. Attend class! It is the #1 reason why students do poorly in a large class. It may take a while to understand and master the style of your professor. If you miss classes, it will take much longer to learn how to get the most out of lecture. You may also miss on information that can only be explained through demonstration.

TIP 2. See the professor during office hours. Office hours are for your benefit. This is your one on one attention that you need. If something was covered in lecture that you don't understand, see the professor as soon as possible. If you put it off, you may forget or get further behind when new material is presented.

TIP 3. Know the subject before class. Professors assume you have some knowledge and appropriate vocabulary before you come to class. If you read the material in the text before coming to class, then the lecture will be much easier to understand. Also, you will have a much better chance of recognizing the important points and potential test questions.

TIP 4. Read the previous notes before each lecture. Just because a lecture period is 50 or 80 minutes doesn't mean that every topic can be completely covered in that amount of time. You may need to know the previous material to understand the present lecture.

TIP 5. Develop a short hand system when writing notes. Students frequently use the words and phrases below that can be written in short hand:

equals	=	increase	↑
does not equal	≠	decrease	↓
greater than	>	for example	e.g.
less than	<	approximately	~

TIP 6. Study your notes shortly after lecture. This helps you remember the material as well as allows you to make any correction in your notes. If you don't find your notes helpful, make an appointment with your professor find out what you are doing wrong.

TIP 7. Sit toward the front and center of the class. Classmates can be distracting. Sit toward the front of the class and you'll find it easier to concentrate on the lecture. If you are unable to sit near the front of the class, sit as close to the center as possible. This will also help with concentrating on the lecture.

TIP 8. Ask questions. This is the #2 reason why students do poorly in large classes. Professors welcome questions. They want you to understand the lecture. If you don't

understand something, chances are you're not alone. Besides, your classmates are paying for your education.

TIP 9. Get a Study Buddy. Having study partner will only help you to understand information you've gathered. Your partner may know something you may not know and vice versa. To gain the most out of studying, keep the same person as your partner to build chemistry with each other.

TIP 10. Form Study Groups. It has been proven that students who study in groups do better than students who study alone. Everyone processes information differently. Study groups will allow you to gain additional knowledge from the different views of the material being studied.

TIP 11. Seek Outside Help. If there are any special lectures, group studies, or supplemental instruction sessions that cover your course material, go to as many as possible. This outside help has been set up to assist with your class for a reason. You may also need to get a tutor. Take advantage of this golden opportunity!

TIP 12. Get Motivated!!! Ask yourself this question, "Why am I in school"? If you want to do well in your class, you have to set goals and work hard to meet them. Remember, education is a privilege that you have earned and you must continue to do your best if you want to excel in your academics. Get PUMPED UP!