

Some General Study Suggestions

BEFORE CLASS

1. Read the book! You might prefer to do this after class instead of beforehand. Either way, stay up-to-date on the readings. Some homework problems could address material discussed only in the book.
2. You may want to take a few notes while you read to help you absorb the information.
3. Work book examples on your own and compare your answers to the book's.
4. Review your notes and book from the previous lecture to remind yourself of what you have already seen. This will also help you stay on top of the material so that you won't need to cram for the midterm and final!

DURING CLASS

5. When in class, take detailed notes. Many believe the act of writing down information to be instrumental in learning.
6. If you don't understand something, ask (it could be that the professor made a mistake :-) !!

AFTER CLASS

7. Before beginning your homework assignment, try out some of the odd-numbered exercises and check your answers in the back of the book, if available.
8. Form study groups to discuss challenging problems and share ideas. Explaining concepts to others is another great way to help yourself understand them better.
9. Take advantage of office hours and Academic Excellence tutoring hours. No question is too simple!
10. Make an appointment with your professor if you find yourself falling behind.

PREPARING FOR EXAMS

11. Quiz yourself using practice test problems from the book or provided by your professor.
12. Review all of your notes and the reading assignments from the book.
13. Even if a "cheat-sheet" is not allowed in an exam, it can be helpful to create one for study purposes.
14. Make sure you have collected all of your graded homework assignments from your professor.
15. Review your old homework to make sure you understand where you made mistakes and why.
16. Get a good night's sleep.
17. Be confident going into an exam—listen to music, exercise or meditate to clear your head of discouraging thoughts!