

How to be Successful in a Math Class

Prior to Class

- Read over the text for the section to be discussed.
- Make note of any new terms.
- Work out each example on paper as you read it.
- Read over the notes for the section to be discussed.
- Write down any questions you have about the section.

During Class

- Arrive on time, or early, in order to be ready when the lecture begins.
- Pay attention to the lecture and check off all your questions that get answered as the lecture progresses.
- If your questions are not answered, ASK!
- Stay awake.

After Class

- Later in the same day, or early the next day, read over your notes. You may either read over the ones you took in class, the ones you made from the text or notes available online, or both. Reviewing your notes after taking them is one thing that students do not do frequently enough.
- Begin, and preferably complete, the homework for that section prior to the next class period. In a college setting, you are expected to work on the class at least 2 – 3 hours OUTSIDE of class time for each hour IN class.
- If you have difficulty with the homework, either ask a question on WebAssign, or write it down so that you ask the question during class time.
- Do not spend more than 15 minutes on a single problem. If it takes you more time than that, you are probably overthinking the problem. Take a break and either move on to the next one or take a break from math for at least 30 minutes to let your mind have a break.