



Making the Most of Your Classes

Tips from 3rd and 4th Year Students

Before class / Pre-lecture

- Check Moodle for updates
- Read over lecture slides/notes if they are available
- Add brief notes by putting the content in your own words
- Define unknown terms and important equations
- Highlight areas that may require more focus
- Prepare questions to ask the professor during class
- Talk with classmates about what is to be covered as you wait for class to begin

In class / Lecture

- Take notes of what the professor is saying rather than copying the slides
- Write more notes where the professor places more emphasis
- Think about the material as it is being covered – try to find personal relevance or practical implications – as this makes it easier to remember
- Listen for exam, test, and assignment hints

After class / Post-Lecture

- Talk with your classmates as you are leaving class; share your understanding of the materials covered
- Review your pre-lecture and lecture notes
- Combine the two sets of notes with the professor's PowerPoint slides or notes that were provided – as soon as possible after class while your memories are strong. Add to these notes based on your memory and discussions with others
- Complete assigned practice questions and/or review questions included at the end of the chapter/reading
- If time allows, add notes from the textbook chapter