What to Expect from College Classes & Tutorials

Here’s to Your Success
What is a Syllabus?

- An outline for the course presented by the majority of professors on the first day of class.

- Includes required books and materials, and classroom expectations, such as grading and attendance policies.
Some Syllabi Are More Comprehensive Than Others

- Some syllabi include scheduled content to be covered in class, including exam dates.

- Some syllabi just identify course requirements.

- Some professors do not distribute syllabi.
Student Responsibility When Syllabi Are Not Distributed

- Professors may provide information about required readings, exam dates, and expectations on the first day of class.

- Students need to ask questions about readings, exams dates, and expectations if professors do not provide this information.
Please Remember......

- Not all assigned readings will be covered in class. Readings not covered in class may appear on exams.
- Students are responsible for reading textbooks and fulfillment of assignments.
- Students are responsible for keeping track of vital dates, such as exam dates and due dates for essays and projects.
- Syllabi are subject to change, so keep track of new information.
Remember to read assigned text once for content, and at least a second time for greater understanding.

Some subjects may require more reading than others subjects.

When reading a second time, try highlighting important sections and annotate, either through your notes or with the aid of a voice recorder.

Can you define the word “annotate?”
What is Good Note-Taking?

*Good note-taking is an accurate & comprehensive summary of the class lecture.*

**Skills & Tips:**
- Clear, legible handwriting.
- Clearly-expressed ideas.
- Ability to still understand your notes weeks after the class.
- Re-writing your notes after class to ensure continued understanding.
More Tips: Clarity

- Write more notes than you need.
- Remember to review notes daily or at least weekly.
- The key to good notes is **clarity**.
What Should I Expect from Tutorials?

- Individualized attention, leading to a better understanding of the subject matter.
- Sessions which are one-on-one or in small groups.

*Tutorials are usually one hour per week per subject.*
What Should I Do if an Hour is Insufficient?

- Sign up with College Tutorials on the Sixth Floor in the library.
- Attend D–205 workshops which cover your area of challenge.
- Speak to your counselor for other suggestions.
Review – Syllabi

- A syllabus, generally given to students on the first day of class, contains important information about the course and should be used as a guide.
- Remember that syllabi are subject to change, so confirm test dates with your professor if unsure.
Review – Continued

- Students are responsible for purchasing their own textbooks and other materials.
- Students should read assigned texts at least twice for thorough understanding.
- Students are encouraged to read a second time. Remember to highlight or annotate through notes or a voice recorder.
The key to good note-taking is CLARITY.

Clarity in hand-writing: you must be able to understand what you’ve written.

Clarity in content: Ideas must be expressed fully, so that you are able to understand your notes well weeks after you’ve originally taken them.
Review – Tutorials

- Tutorials are a service provided by in a variety of subjects, including math and English.

- Tutorials help students to attain better understanding of the subject.

- Individualized attention helps students improve their skills in difficult subjects.
We Wish You Well

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