



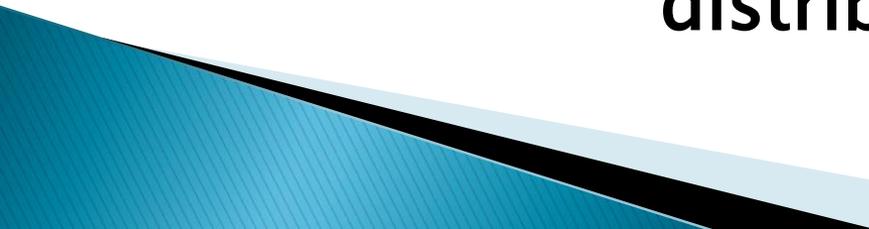
What to Expect from College Classes & Tutorials

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.**
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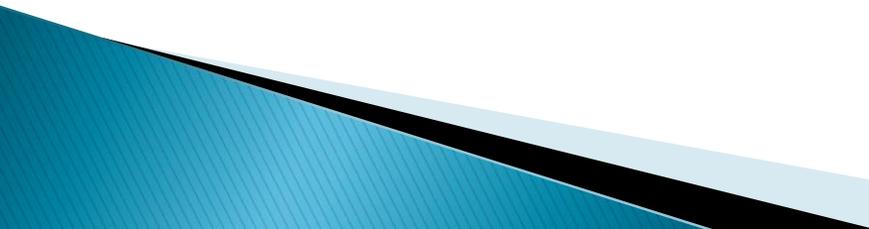
Some Syllabi Are More Comprehensive Than Others

- ▶ 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.
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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.
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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.
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Study Skills

- ▶ 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.**
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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.

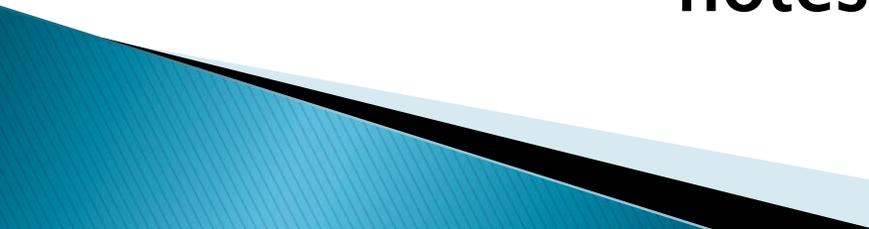
What Should I Do if an Hour is Insufficient?

- ▶ **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.**
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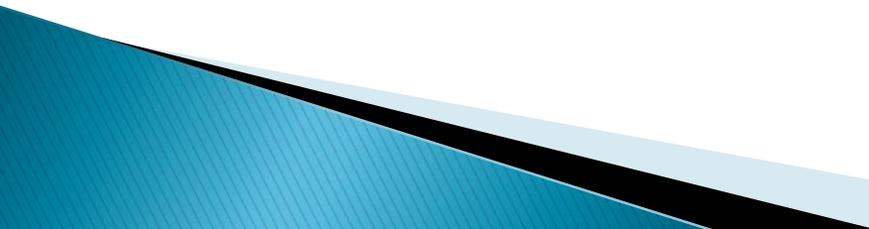
Review –Syllabi

- ▶ 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.
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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.**
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Review for Note-taking

- ▶ 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.
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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.
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