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STUDY SKILLS

These study tips are to help students learn how and when to study as well as tips and tricks you can use to get ahead. Studying is not always fun, but if you plan your time correctly and get your work done, you will have more time for fun.

Be sure to also review the tips on taking notes and preparing for tests.

CREATE MNEMONICS

Mnemonics are devices that can help you memorize formulas, key concepts, definitions, etc. A really basic example of a mnemonic is “Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally” which stands for parenthesis, exponents, multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction.

MAKE A STUDY GUIDE

Whether or not your professor gives you a study guide for an exam, making a study guide is very helpful when studying for tests. Go through the textbook, notes, and any other material and write down any information that you think may be on the test such as important concepts, definitions, and formulas. Reading and writing the information will help you memorize it faster. If your professor gives you a study guide, make sure to cover all the points listed.

MAKE FLASH CARDS

Making flash cards can be a bit time consuming, but flash cards are helpful tools in remembering vocabulary, formulas, and key concepts. They are also easy to carry around with you so you can review them anytime.

QUIZ YOURSELF

To ensure that you are prepared for your test, make a mock quiz to test how well you know the material. Write down a list of keywords or questions and make sure to leave room underneath each one. Then pretend that you’re taking the test and write down as much as you can.

SET TIME GOALS

Setting time goals for yourself will help make sure that you stay on track especially when you have time constraints. You’re more likely to be productive if you have goals to achieve.

REMEMBER TO TAKE BREAKS

Studying is taxing work. You need to take short breaks to allow your brain to process and retain the information. Otherwise, you may confuse yourself or forget something you have already studied. Be sure to take only a short break or else it may be hard to go back to studying. When you begin studying again, review the material you have already studied, then move on to something new.

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