



10 Tips for Becoming a Successful Student

The Top 10 Study Skills that have been helpful to GHC students in the past.

- 1. Know and understand your course syllabus.** If you are unclear on any aspect of the course syllabus handed out to you by your teacher be sure to ask them.
- 2. Do not skip class.** Try not to miss any of your classes. Miss school only if you are actually ill.
- 3. Really read all of your assigned reading.** It has been proven that students who actually read their text actually do better on their quizzes and tests.
- 4. Take notes.** Effective note-taking has been proven to help important points stick in students' minds better than if they had not written them down. It is a safe bet that if the instructor has written something down on the board, he or she wants you to know that information and it probably will be on the test. Handwrite your notes in class, then type the notes out. This will help you remember the information better.
- 5. Use a student planner.** Write down important dates: test and quiz dates, finals date, holidays, faculty days, registration days. Make sure you know when a holiday is going to conflict with a MWF class or a T/TH class. Make sure you have all questions answered before the holiday so you can complete the assignments before classes start back up.
- 6. Ask questions.** If you are uncertain about something being explained, don't be shy about asking a question. Chances are you are not the only one thinking about the question. Make sure you understand everything before you are quizzed on the information.

7. Make flash cards. It is a good idea to make flash cards for classes that require you to know terminology or equations. Flash cards can help you discover what you understand and what you still need to study more.

8. Form a Study Group!!! Form study groups with other classmates. The use of flash cards within study groups has been proven (by personal experience) to assist with the memorization of terms and equations. Study groups are also a good way to get some of your questions answered without feeling like you're the only one that doesn't understand something.

9. Study, Study, Study! There is a logical reason that instructors place the "For every hour of class time you will need two hours of study time" on their syllabus. They know that to effectively understand the information you need to study it. Why else would you take the class unless you wanted to know the information? Study, that way you will know the information.

10. VISIT THE LEARNING CENTER!!! Still need additional help on a subject? Visit the Grays Harbor College Learning Center (1519). Chances are there is a tutor just sitting down there waiting to help you. And if there isn't; someone can set you up with an appointment to meet with one at a convenient time for you! 😊

