Warning, Will Robinson!!!

You’d think that every student would be wise enough to read a syllabus completely and thoroughly at the beginning of the semester—BUT, you’d be wrong! I cannot tell you how many times over the years students have enrolled in my classes thinking they were sharp enough to wing it. Ten times out of ten they have ended up begging for a break, or having to drop the course. I am an empathetic soul, but I will have no pity for someone who does not possess the common sense and perspicacity to read everything in this document.

“I pity the fool!”
—Mr. T

“T don’t!”
—Dr. C

…and an admonition

I bet that when you were just wee ones, every one of your mommas made sure you got yourself a “swimming buddy” before they allowed you to head for the creek. A good one could save you in case you started making “glub-glub” sounds. Taking college courses is much the same. You’d be wise to team up with one or two folks to help you prepare for exams, and to give you assurance when you are not quite certain about what’s going on. Otherwise, you’re on your own… I will feel obligated to disseminate information one time only. If you miss something, the responsibility for obtaining information is incumbent upon you. If I make changes to the syllabus, I will try to notify you in class or by e-mail.