



UTILIZING COURSE MATERIALS

Course:

Required course materials:

Optional course materials:

How will I utilize my required course materials?

How will I utilize my optional course materials?

How will I keep myself accountable for utilizing my course materials?

Past strategies that have worked for me and I will continue to use:

New strategies that I will use:

Notes



COURSE MATERIAL TIPS

Syllabus Tips

- Write out all of the questions you have about the course. (ex: when are tests?, When are office hours?, What is the attendance policy?)
- Go through the syllabus looking for answers to each of your questions.
 - For unanswered questions, visit your instructors office hours. Emphasize you are determined to succeed and meet the course requirements.
- Start early & making a positive impression goes a long way!

Textbook Tips

- Read one paragraph at a time and rephrase in your own words. .
- Look through the table of contents
 - Can search for topics there
- There's a glossary and index in the back-look at it for any and all words
- Learning practices at the end of chapters-sometimes with answers
- Key points at the end of every chapter
- Summaries at the end of every chapter-tell you what was most important in the chapter

Learning From Your Past Strategies:

When utilizing your course materials, it is helpful to reflect on your courses and identify what strategies worked for you and what didn't when it came to materials. Continue to use the strategies that have worked for you before. Re-assess what didn't/why and what new strategies can help you to best utilize your course materials moving forward.

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