

ACTIVE LEARNING IN CLASS



BE PREPARED! DO THE HOMEWORK AND READINGS, AND REVIEW YOUR NOTES FROM THE LAST CLASS SO YOU ARE READY TO JUMP IN.

FOCUS: AVOID DISTRACTIONS AND SIT IN THE BEST SPOT FOR YOU TO PAY FULL ATTENTION

LISTEN ACTIVELY TO THE PROFESSOR AND TO OTHER STUDENTS

PUT AWAY YOUR PHONE AND CLOSE YOUR COMPUTER: EVEN IF THEY DON'T SAY ANYTHING, PROFESSORS KNOW WHEN YOU'RE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. REALLY.

ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. PREPARE FOR CLASS WITH ONE QUESTION AND ONE IDEA YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE.

TAKE GOOD NOTES THROUGHOUT THE CLASS TO HELP YOU FOCUS.

FINAL TIP: DO NOT FALL ASLEEP IN CLASS. IF YOU FEEL YOURSELF DRIFTING OFF, EXCUSE YOURSELF AND GO DRINK SOME WATER BEFORE COMING BACK TO CLASS AWAKE.

IF YOU FIND IT REALLY CHALLENGING TO SPEAK UP IN CLASS, START SMALL: SET YOURSELF A GOAL OF CONTRIBUTING TO ONE CLASS EACH DAY. THEN WORK UP TO EACH CLASS EACH DAY, A WHOLE WEEK OF CONTRIBUTIONS... IT WILL GET EASIER THE MORE YOU DO IT!

LET THE PROFESSOR KNOW THAT YOU ARE ENGAGED BY TAKING NOTES, AND MAKING EYE CONTACT -- AND TALK TO THEM IN OFFICE HOURS!

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