

Use these tutor and SI Leader recommended study skills to maximize your success in class!

THE BIG NOTECARD

For this, you need a piece of paper, a pen, and a pair of scissors. Taking a piece of paper, folded length-wise, you can cut tabs into the top half. On each tab, write key terms, formulas, or concepts that need to be learned. Under each tab, write the definition. This helps organize terms and make studying them more effective.

BRAIN DUMP

Test your knowledge by writing down everything you can remember about the topic you are going to study (condensed to one page). Do this before you start studying to see which areas you have a strong knowledge of and which areas you need to focus on while studying. Once you finish studying, redo this process. Write down everything you remember about the topic you just studied and see how your knowledge has improved.

CONCEPT MAPPING

Start with a circle in the middle of the page that includes one of the main ideas being studied. Extend branches out from the central circle to other circles. In these you will include all the Subtopics from the main idea. Continue to add branches with related topics. Circle groups of branches that are linked. This helps you to see the overall picture and to take focus away from minute details. Try filling out by memory as a way to test your understanding.

DIVIDE AND CONQUER - Aka “TEACH ME”

With a study partner, assign parts of a chapter to read and then share with each other what you read. This way you cover more material in a shorter time. When you Can teach a topic to someone else then you know that material.

PREDICTING TEST QUESTIONS

Considering all the material that has been covered and the points that have been emphasized in lecture, predict potential questions that might appear on the test. Make sure you are able to answer your own questions thoroughly.

NOTECARD SHUFFLE

For this, you need two sets of notecards. On one side of your study area, lay out the cards with the terms showing. Scramble the second set of cards to change up the order and then lay these out with the definition side showing. Match the terms with their appropriate definitions.

STEP-BY-STEP

Practice reviewing concepts where multiple steps are involved by actually writing out the steps. Check for your level of understanding by describing what is happening in each step out loud.

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