

To all incoming students,

One thing that you can expect from this class is organization, because you are given the due dates for tests and homework from the time that you start the class. Everything is given well in advance. You can also expect a lot of work. This class assigns written and online homework assignments as well as on-campus examinations. Something that really helped me to succeed was doing all of the homework as early as possible in the beginning. It is completely available to do early and you get extra credit for getting 100% on your homework if it's done at least 24 hours in advance! This is also true for online tests. Something that helped me to keep a little more organized in the online format was printing out the calendar in the beginning of the course. This calendar lists everything from online homework and tests to on-campus exams. It really came in handy. Try to print out every page posted online, because it can be a lot easier for some people to be organized with paperwork rather than searching through pages online trying to find something, but **DON'T FORGET** to check online for important announcements, because dates can and do change. One thing that didn't work for me was doing all of the online homework and saving the written homework until last minute, where I didn't have enough time to finish it. If I had to do this class all over again I would definitely have tried a lot harder to keep ahead on my online work, because things happen and you miss the due dates. I would also have tried to get the written homework done with the online homework, because the sections are the same and it's a lot better than waiting until the last minute. One study habit that worked well for me was taking a look at the practice exams before an on-campus exam, because they are really similar and it is a very useful study tool. Another thing is doing all of the extra credit possible, because you never know when you might need a few extra points. One final thing that really helped me to do well in this class was checking online often, because there are discussion board assignments that get added to the online work. Three study habits that I would want to change are, I would try using the online virtual classroom sessions available to get help on homework, I would do the written homework with the online homework to assure that it gets done early, and I would do all of the extra credit just incase something happens and I'm not able to do the assignment. I just want to say, make sure that an online class is right for you. Do some research on the class before taking it, because everyone is different and what might be easy for one person might be more difficult for another. Also, always do your homework early and get as much extra credit as possible.