

To the future students who are taking this class, expect for no one to motivate you or prod you with a ruler to do your homework, you are on your own. It is your responsibility to appropriate time to do homework and study for upcoming exams, as well as complete discussion assignments and online work. You are your own teacher, and as teacher you must feel out suitable study habits to ensure a good grade on exams.

Techniques and strategies that helped me range from simply doing the homework as far as seeking tutoring from the learning center. But probably the most important strategy that helped me succeed in this class was doing my homework through out the week, rather than bunched on a single crunching session. On the day of the exam, I would stay home and go over the chapter review provided by Ms. Moss, and made sure to have the entire day off for the exam. Once I figure when the exam was going to be, I would request the day off from work. Nothing sucks more than having to rush through a test to get to work or being groggy from a late night of partying. But really what helped me succeed the most was the online homework. You can actually click a button to so that the computer can go through the problem with you. It can also produce similar problems to work out if your having a tough time understanding the content.

As for organization, I wasn't organized at all. I kept all my homework in a manila folder and simply recycled the homework that was graded. But what helped me was printing out the unit checklist, because it allowed me to grasp my deadlines and plan accordingly. Always print out a couple so that you never forget what and when something is due.

Be sure to do all your homework and online work. I know it is very easy to slack off, especially if you ace the first test, but seriously all you need is a slip-up to fail your next test. I typically do well with exams but I'm way to lazy to do homework. Poor organization skills have earned a B+ instead of an A, simply because I don't prioritize. And like I said, if I had to do this class over, I'd do all the homework and all the online homework because really it is not that much as long as you spread the work out through out the week.

The first study habit that helped me was to never look in the back of the book for answers. Look in the back of the book for help as a last resort. It is always better to rework the same problem over and over again than to simply give up and get the answer and move on. The second study habit was rereading the beginning of each section to gain a better understanding of the material and subject matter. This allowed me to retain more information concerning theorems and various rules of algebra. The last study habit that helped me was printing out and completing the chapter review for each exam. This allowed me to get grasp of the material even further and was a great precursor of what was going to be on the exam.

One of the obstacles that prevented me from getting a good grade in this class was multitasking. Watching TV, texting, or surfing the web while doing homework had me finishing homework late, forgetting to do online homework or distracted me

altogether. The second habit that nearly destroyed me was procrastination. Procrastination has various forms; whether its sleeping, working or doing other homework, if you are doing something other than what your suppose to be doing you're a procrastinator. If you are a procrastinator I would highly suggest you refrain from taking the online course. And lastly probably the worst study habit is taking the exam early for any reason. I forgot to request a day off, or didn't realize the exam fell on an important date. Whatever the reason, taking the exam early means you have to have your homework done as early as well as be prepare earlier.