

Tips from Successful Humanities and Social Science Students



1. Read your syllabus
 - a. Know how you will be graded
 - b. Write down dates for homework/papers/exams/projects
 - c. Review helpful websites
2. Go to class
 - a. Review your notes before and after class
 - b. If you miss a class, get notes from a friend and review ASAP
3. Go to office hours
 - a. Go with or without questions
 - b. See what the professor will emphasize (text vs. notes)
 - c. If you can't make a meeting email for another time
4. Get help ASAP
 - a. If you don't understand something, don't wait
 - b. Use tutors
 - c. Attend Roundtables
5. Short term/daily skills
 - a. Connect your class lectures from week to week
 - b. Make study aids as you go (notecards or study guides)
 - c. Review book- pictures, objectives, captions before the lecture
6. Long term skills
 - a. Make and use a schedule or calendar
 - b. Plan ahead for multiple tests/papers
 - c. Start long term projects early and work in stages
7. Papers
 - a. Start early
 - b. Discuss ideas with professors or classmates
 - c. Use the Writing Center (and multiple times if needed)
8. Tests
 - a. Evaluate how much time you need
 - b. Sleep and eat
 - c. Don't expect tutoring to save you the night before- get help early
 - d. Review old tests, use resources, websites, review sessions
9. Manage your stress
 - a. Know your limits
 - b. Practice balance