

Habits of Work Determine Your Grade

Exams do not simply assess whether you ‘know the material.’ They also assess your habits of work including attendance, attention, note-taking, after class review, and organization.

A students tend to

- Attend every class and frequently participate. Show curiosity.
- Arrive on time for the ‘first 15 review’ (dedicated 15 minutes at the beginning of each class for review and exam practice).
- Take detailed notes highlighting major cultures, styles, artworks, and terms.
- Regularly review class notes outside of class using Brightspace materials (videos, explanations, etc.), fill in gaps, and explore further resources.
- Be prepared for exams with organized notes that the student ‘knows like the back of their hand’.
- Practice writing unknown essays and review them with the professor.
- Submit all parts of the written assignments, on time. Their answers are thorough, thoughtful, and carefully edited.
- Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of the course content.

B students tend to

- Attend most classes (2-3 absences) and participate occasionally.
- Arrive on time most days but miss the review 2-3 times.
- Take notes but miss materials from absent days.
- Occasionally review notes afterclass and fill in gaps with Brightspace materials.
- Be prepared for exams with organized notes that you have ‘looked over a few times.’
- Submit all parts of the written assignments, on time.
- Demonstrate an overall knowledge of the course content, with a few gaps.

C students tend to

- Attend class sometimes (3 or more absences) and seldom participate.
- Arrive late regularly.
- Be occasionally distracted in class...by phones, sports updates, sleep...
- Take notes but miss material from absent days.
- Seldom look at class material outside of class.
- Arrive at exams with incomplete notes.
- Miss components of written assignments (only answer 3 of 4 questions) or submit them late.
- Demonstrate a partial knowledge of the course content.

D students tend to

- Seldom attend class. Arrive late; leave early.
- Sleep or focus on other things during class.
- Have incomplete notes or notes borrowed from a friend.
- Seldom look at class material outside of class.
- Arrive late to exams or forget their notes.
- Miss major components of written assignments or submit them late.
- Fail to demonstrate an understanding of the course content in 1 or more major class component.

F students tend to

- Seldom attend class. Arrive late; leave early.
- Sleep or focus on other things during class.
- Have incomplete notes or notes borrowed from a friend.
- Seldom or never look at class material outside of class.
- Miss exams or arrive late with incomplete notes.
- Fail to turn in major assignments.
- Fail to demonstrate an understanding of the course content in 1 or more major class component.