### **Learning Self-Assessment**

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#### STEP 1: EVALUATE YOUR STUDY HABITS

- 1. Describe your current methods of study. How do you study for each class?

  I'm a very visual learner, so my current methods of study for Chemistry involve taking very visually pleasing notes that include diagrams and lots of color. For History I learn best with repetition and re-writing my notes. In Sociology I can simply write my notes once and then re-read the material a couple times and do the practice quizzes to understand the content. The same is for my Music History class.
  - What specific techniques do you use in class?
     During class I like to take short and simple notes and focus on listening to what my professor has to say.
  - 2. What specific techniques do you use outside of class?

    Outside of class I focus on mastering the content through repetition and creativity. I like making my own study guides where I write down basic terms and define things.
- 2. Identify one class in which you are doing well (not HLTH 101). What study methods work best and why?
  - Right now, I am doing well in Chemistry. I study using my iPad. As said before, I like to make my notes very colorful and organized. When studying, I write down the most important details of what I'm learning. On my iPad, I can easily paste diagrams and pictures of different models that we talk about in our notes which has been very helpful.

## STEP 2: IDENTIFY AND APPLY NEW LEARNING TECHNIQUES

1. Identify one class where you are experiencing challenges and address the following questions.

Planning	Monitoring	Evaluating
<ul> <li>What strategies will I use to study (e.g., study groups, problem sets, evaluating text figures, challenging myself with practice quizzes and/or going to office hours and review sessions)?</li> <li>How much time do I plan on studying? Over what period of time and for how long each time I sit down do I need to study?</li> <li>Which aspects of the course material should I spend more or less time on, based on my current understanding?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To what extent am I being systematic in my studying of all the material for the exam?</li> <li>To what extent am I taking advantage of all the learning supports available to me?</li> <li>Am I struggling with my motivation to study? If so, do I remember why I am taking this course?</li> <li>Which of my confusions have I clarified? How was I able to get them clarified?</li> <li>Which confusions remain and how am I going to get them clarified?</li> </ul>	What about my exam preparation worked well that I should remember to do next time?      What did not work so well that I should not do next time or that I should change?      What questions did I not answer correctly? Why? How did my answer compare with the suggested correct answer? What confusions do I have that I still need to clarify?

# For History:

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PLANNING	MONITORING	EVALUATING
I plan to study using study	I mainly work on studying the	It helped to have a study
groups and personal practice	terms first and then move to	guide and practice questions
quizzes. In the future I will	working on connecting them.	to help prepare me for the
utilize the other resources as	When it gets closer to an	future questions. It also
well.	exam, I focus more on	helped to take notes in color.
	reviewing to make sure I have	
	the content nailed.	
I plan on studying for at least	I probably haven't been using	I think next time I should
an hour each day. I think it's	all of the resources offered to	allow myself more time to
important to study at least 5	me, but I am going to explore	prepare for the exam so that I
hours each week if not more.	the resources more and use	can practice and review the
	them in the future.	content more thoroughly.
I think I need to work on	Sometimes I do lose my	I haven't taken an exam in
connecting the topics the	motivation to study, but I like	history yet, but if I were to
most. I understand the	to remind myself that I can't	get an answer wrong I could
individual terms pretty well,	reach my goal of becoming	always ask my professor to
but I need to work on the		help clarify.

sequence of events and how	an Athletic Trainer without	
they may relate to each other.	working hard in school.	
	I was confused about a few	
	terms, but after looking	
	through the textbook and	
	practicing them, I now	
	understand them a lot better.	
	I am still confused about how	
	a few events connect, but I	
	will ask my friends,	
	professor, and study the	
	textbook more.	

2. Review at least 5 academic tips/resources listed here: <a href="https://www.odu.edu/success/academic/tips">https://www.odu.edu/success/academic/tips</a> What is one new technique you could try in class to help you better understand the material?

A resource for in class is to take advantage of the video chat opportunities that the class offers. This includes virtual study groups and classes.

3. What is one new technique you could try outside of class to help you better understand the material?

One technique that I found that I could try for this class is the SQ3R technique. In this technique you Survey, Question, Recite, and Review. I believe that this could be very helpful for learning new content for history.