

Learning Style Self Assessment:

1. My current methods of studying have been really good. I study diligently and cut out time during the week to study. I prioritize certain classes over the others, because they require a little bit more effort from me as far as knowing the material more. For each class I take a glance at my planner and see what I have that's due soon, if I know nothing is due soon, I push that subject to the back of my priorities. Once I finish every piece of homework I have, I start studying for the classes that are harder for me first, so I can start off strong with studying.
 - A. In class I take detailed notes on what the professor seems to be talking about. I use colored pens and start by circling and highlighting important information so that it is easier for me to study later on.
 - B. I use a lot of specific techniques outside of class, for example I make flash cards. Making flash cards for specific units in class really helps me understand the topic more. I also go and complete the homework for a second time, just to make sure I fully understand the topic. If I don't understand the topic, I ask the professor for extra help or I watch Crash Course videos to get a different perspective on the topic.

2. I am doing exceptionally well in Sociology. I think I'm doing so well in this class because I'm super engaged in the notes we take during class, we watch videos, which I feel really helps me because I'm such a visual learner, so watching videos really gives me a different viewpoint on the topic, hearing it from another voice also helps me understand it in a different way. I take my notes in a specific way, by making boxes around vocab words and writing in different colored fun pens, which motivates me to study more.

3. One class I am experiencing challenges in is Chemistry lecture. I feel like no matter how hard I study, I never do well on the tests. I will start to create better study groups with people in my classes and in other classes as well. I will also go to my professors office hours more, because at the end of the day, she is the one that will be able to help me the most. I plan on studying at least 10 hours a week on chemistry, considering it is my hardest class. I should spend more time on newer chapters, because it is fresher information. I don't really have a method of studying for certain units, so I need to get better at that, especially if the exam is coming up. I am not struggling with my motivation to study, because there's so much I can do to study, and so many places I can go, for example, the library. I clarify my confusions by asking the professor questions during lecture to get a better understanding of the topic. Currently I do not have any confusions, because I got them all covered in lecture on Monday. Nothing seemed to work well for my exam preparation, considering I didn't do as well as I had hoped to. I need to go to my professors office hours more and get a better understanding of the material before I go and take the exam. I had not gone to any office hours, which ultimately hurt me in the end. I need tips on how to properly take tests, because I'm not a good test taker, so I end up knowing the material, I just never do well when it comes to the test.

4. One of the main techniques I feel would be really helpful to better understand the material would be The Five R's of Note Taking: Record, Reduce, Recite, Reflect, and Review. By

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following this procedure, I feel like it would force me to stay extremely organized with my notes, so it is not hard to go back later to go into deeper depth with the notes I took during class.

5. One technique I feel would be beneficial to me outside of class would be forming strong and reliable study groups. I have a couple friends now who are in the same classes with me, but a lot of the groups are big and it is hard to find time for all of us to get to the library to help each other with the material. Forming a small, but close study group could be extremely beneficial to my success in the Learning Community.