

How to Get the Most out of Class

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1. *Prepare.* Read the textbook in advance. Try to do the homework for this day's class. Come with specific questions you want answered.
2. *Take notes on what you are thinking—not on what the teacher is saying.* You probably don't need to write down what is being said because it should already be in the text. Instead, write your questions, points of confusion, and new connections to other ideas. This will help you understand the presentation better and will also help you remember the material better.*
3. *Ask questions.* What is the benefit of having a live person teaching you if you don't ask them questions? The material in the lecture is already written down in your textbook or somewhere else—you don't need someone to read it to you. What you need is help understanding it. You won't get that help if you don't ask.

* Take notes by hand. It helps you remember material better than typing notes on a computer.