

Steps to Active Learning

Collect	Collect: Collect information that you are responsible for learning.	<p>You collect this information by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attending class - listen to your instructor's lecture, and take good notes (for tips on how to take notes, click on the "Note taking" link on the ARC Website.) 2. Read the textbook, and take notes on the material in the text. It is beneficial to compare, and if possible, combine your class lecture notes with the notes that you take from your text reading.
Organize	Organize: Once you have gathered information by taking lecture notes, collecting instructor handouts, and reading the text, you must organize the materials and information.	<p>You can organize your information by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewing your lecture notes after EVERY class for 10 minutes. 2. Rewrite your notes after reviewing them. This is especially helpful if your lecture notes are sloppy or disorganized in areas, from having to write quickly during class. When you rewrite your notes, phrase sentences and main ideas in your own words. This helps you to process the information that you learned. 3. Combine your class notes with the notes you wrote from your textbook. When doing this, it helps to use the CORNELL NOTE TAKING TECHNIQUE. Ask your PFS ADVISOR to review this with you. 4. Combine all notes and handouts in a binder according to chapter, topic of study, or date.
Rehearse	Rehearse: Practice by reading over your notes and teaching yourself what you learned	<p>You can rehearse by reading your notes and materials out loud to yourself, or with a friend/ study partner. If possible, ask a friend who is not in your class to listen as you teach the material that you learned to him or her (don't laugh, this really works).</p>
Evaluate	Evaluate: Test your knowledge of what you have learned. This can be done in several ways:	<p>Quiz yourself using note cards. These can be made the "old fashioned way" on paper, or there are apps such a "cramberry" that enable you to make the note cards electronically.</p> <p>Partner with a person in your class. Each of creates a quiz to give each other, based on the material that you studied.</p> <p>Go online to the text book publisher and take the publisher's online quizzes.</p>

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Remember these points:

“Success in college has little to do with intelligence and a lot to do with determination and self-discipline”

Put YOURSELF and your future FIRST! “Learn how to say no... remember why you are at school and how much it costs.”

Good academic performance results in a promising future. You are making a large financial investment in yourself and your future by paying for a college education. Honor this investment, and make sure the return that you get from your investment is high!