

Tutors are a great resource to use. They have performed well in the classes for which they tutor, and can provide you with clarity and guidance. However, your tutor is not a replacement for the professor, nor for your own studying and review.

Being prepared can help you have a productive tutoring session.

- **Review course material before your session**
 - **Read your assigned readings** - the readings often cover a good chunk of the material your responsible for learning
 - **Study your notes and/or the PowerPoints** - you want to be familiar with the material as well as noting the topics or concepts you don't quite understand
- **Complete homework problems/assignments independently before your session**
 - **Tutors are not homework helpers** - they can look at work you have completed to see if you carried out calculations correctly or understood the concepts correctly, but they are not there to make sure you get your work done.
 - **Practice makes perfect** - even if you do a problem wrong, trying the process alone gives you the chance to perform. If it is wrong, you get the opportunity to correct the mistake(s) and learn from it
- **Attend all classes and take notes during class**
 - **Attendance is a must** - if you don't attend class, you're missing information, period.
 - **Notes serve several purposes** - writing notes can help you stay engaged, they provide you with a record of what was discussed/taught in class, notes give you something to review regularly, and the physical act of taking notes helps you learn the information
 - **These are student basics** - if you're not doing these two things and reading assigned readings, you are robbing yourself of your own education. To be successful in college, these are the first steps
- **Gather and bring handouts, textbook(s), and/or relevant readings**
 - **You can't learn without the material** - tutors may have their old materials, but you need to learn from your materials. Having them will help you and your tutor be more productive.
- **Prepare questions or a to-review list ahead of time**
 - **Efficient time-use** - since you reviewed your materials, took notes, read the textbook, and completed your assignments, you know what is giving you the most trouble. Use that to come with an idea of what to go over. It will help you and the tutor focus, and it will ensure that you are using the time effectively.