

Study Skill #1

Part I: Getting to Know You

Instructions: Get acquainted with your tutor by taking turns asking each other the following questions, and recording each other's responses on separate sheets.

- What is your favorite number? Why?
- What are your academic goals? What is your intended major?
- What math classes do you need to complete in order to achieve the above goals? If you do not know, please visit a Learning Resources Academic Advisor within the SSC.
- What is the most recent math course you took? When did you take it?
- What are your strongest studying assets?
- How would you describe your attitude towards math?
- What are your largest math strengths, or what is the easiest to learn in math?
- What are your largest math challenges, or what is the most difficult to learn in math?
- What courses are you taking this quarter? What are your total enrolled units?
- How has your experience been so far at De Anza College?

Part II: Reading the Syllabus

Read the course syllabus (green sheet) together carefully, and write down your answers to the following questions:

What is your instructor's:

- Name? _____ Email? _____
Phone #(if given)? _____ Mailbox location? _____
- Office hours days, times and locations?

- Absence policy?

- Late assignments policy?

- Make-up exam/quiz policy?

- Required and recommended textbooks and/or software?

What is the date of the:

- First test and what sections are cover? _____
- Final exam and location? _____ Is the final cumulative? _____

What is allowed during exams? Check all that apply.

- Calculators If yes, what kind? _____
- Note card/"cheat" sheet If yes, what size and how many? _____
- Handouts Textbook(s) Lecture Notes

Are there any projects for this class? _____ If yes, how many? _____

Which three categories (exams, tests, quizzes, homework, participation, etc.) are worth the most points of the overall course grade and what are the percentages?

Category 1 _____ Points percentage _____

Category 2 _____ Points percentage _____

Category 3 _____ Points percentage _____

What one quality does the instructor seem to value most, according to the syllabus (punctuality, thoroughness, hard effort, etc.)?

How many pages of reading are assigned in a typical week? _____

How do you define “studying”? _____

How many hours do you have to study to be successful in this course? _____

Mark the times with the location you will set aside to do your homework in this math class:

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7am							
8am							
9am							
10am							
11am							
12pm							
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm							
8pm							
9pm							
10pm							
11pm							

- What grade will you try for in this class? _____
- What are the four advantages of earning an “A” grade in this course?
a) _____ b) _____
c) _____ d) _____
- What do you hope to learn from this class?

- Why is this class valuable to you?

- If any, what questions do you have about the syllabus, or what seems unclear?