

# Learning Styles and Study Tips

Strategies for visual, auditory, reading/writing and kinesthetic learners.



Visual

Learn best from visual images that do not include writing. Graphs and diagrams are easy to understand. Remember faces and places and tend to recall information by picturing it.

- Doodle diagrams of written information in margins
- Create a flowchart for the progression of notes and ideas
- Make flashcards that include pictures/diagrams as visual clues
- Highlight key information in texts or notes
- Create a chart or a series of boxes as reminder to complete math equations
- Use a computer to convert data and notes into charts, tables, graphics, pictures, etc.
- Create mnemonics for vocabulary
- Timelines



Auditory

Do well with hearing information. Remember words to songs and can recall conversations in detail by hearing them in their minds.

- Use a phone to record your notes read aloud
- Read your notes aloud when studying
- Work with a study partner to review out loud
- Work in a group with out loud discussion
- Tape lectures. If available, set the counter to zero when it begins and note the number at difficult times during lecture. Review these recorded times later for extra review
- When learning new material, especially equations, talk your way through the material.
- Sing/create a song
- Use metaphors/similes to compare and remember (as long as they are voiced)
- Use online resources like YouTube
- Create acronyms or mnemonic devices



Reading/Writing

Are at home with written material. They comprehend and remember what they read, and they often enjoy writing.

- Re-write notes after class
- Colored pens/highlighters to focus on key ideas
- Write notes in the margins
- Write out key concepts and ideas
- Compose short explanations for diagrams, charts, and graphs
- Write out instructions for each step of a procedure or math problem
- Print out notes for later review
- Post note cards/post-its in visible places (when doing dishes, on the bottom laptop screen, etc.)
- Create mnemonics for vocabulary
- Organize key concepts into a Powerpoint slideshow
- Compare notes with someone else's



Kinesthetic

Learn by doing. Hands-on activities and real-life experiences help them remember.

- Type your notes after class -Create a YouTube video as a group to study later individually
- Review flashcards while walking, at gym, etc.
- Dog-ear pages in the reading with critical information
- Sit near the front of the room
- Walk back and forth, move in some way, when studying
- Create models for the information at hand
- Use the internet to research material
- To learn a sequence or equation, use one note card for each step.
- Highlight material when reviewing/studying
- Use a dry-erase board to study or review
- Taboo-type game/charades
- Correlate physical movements with ideas/terms