How to Improve Your GPA

- ✓ Attend every class in all your courses, and be on time.

- ✓ Look back over every syllabus during the semester for:

    - Upcoming assignments, quizzes, tests, projects, extra credit opportunities.

    - Schedule of chapters to be read in your texts by specified dates.

- ✓ Read text chapters before due dates and take simple notes over whole chapter;

    - Notes should be words or phrases, not sentences. Focus notes on what you think you need to know in each paragraph or page so you are familiar with that material before the lecture. This will also help your reading comprehension.

    - Review your notes before the class.

    - If you leave space on these note sheets, add what you learn during the lecture. Otherwise, write lecture notes on separate paper. Lectures will be easier to understand because you can now see what is important to the professor.

    - If possible, combine and type all notes so you can review material again.

    - Review all notes before each quiz/test.

    - Avoid highlighting; you usually end up with whole pages of yellow.

- ✓ Turn in every assignment and do all extra credit work.

- ✓ If possible, sit near the front of the room.

- ✓ Depending on class size and the professor, ask questions if you don't understand.

- ✓ For each class, ask someone to be your study partner or form a study group. Share notes and study together.

- ✓ Use any memory aids that help you: Flash cards, notes, etc.

- ✓ Visit professors during office hours or make an appointment. If a test grade was not good enough, ask to see the test to examine areas where you can improve.

- ✓ Seek tutoring if needed. Lists of free tutoring are available outside Tutoring Center.

- ✓ Spend more time studying. This is critical.

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