

## STUDY SMARTER!

### KNOWING THE TYPE OF CLASS ⇨ KNOWING HOW TO STUDY

Do you use the same study strategies for all of your courses? Study smarter!

Did you know...

the type of class affects

the way you should study and the way you should prepare for tests?

What are the most common class types?

There are 3 major types of classes\*\*:

1. Lecture-Based Classes:

In these classes, the professor presents most of the information which you must learn.

2. Reading-Based / Discussion Classes:

The professor may lecture part of the time, but classes frequently include discussions and group work based on the assigned readings.

3. Problem-Based / Studio / Writing-Based Classes:

For much of the class, the professor reviews work students have been assigned.

[\*\* Note: Some classes combine these types.]

What faculty expect you to do differs for each course type; therefore, you need to adjust.

Adjusting how you spend your time *before*, *during*, and *after* each of these different types of classes will help you become a more focused student. The chart below recommends how to allocate your time for each class type. Information in **bold** is particularly important.

	<b>Before: CLASS PREP</b>	<b>During: IN-CLASS WORK</b>	<b>After: CLASS FOLLOW-UP</b>
<u><b>Lecture-Based Classes</b></u>	Skim the textbook for an overview of the material. Note new terms [often in bold]. Look carefully at any visuals in the chapter & and chapter summaries. Look at case studies if stressed in class.	Take accurate, complete notes!  <b>Your class notes = Your primary textbook</b>	<b>Review class notes ASAP.</b> Begin to <u>learn</u> the material right away! Make a study guide to help you remember and review. <i>Use the textbook to <u>supplement</u> your class notes.</i>
<u><b>Reading-Based Classes</b></u>	<b>Read <u>carefully</u> for understanding. Know major points in the assigned reading.</b> While you read, <b>annotate</b> what you need to remember so you can find key points later.  <b>Text &amp; other readings = major source of information</b>	Take part in class discussion. Refer to points you annotated when you did the reading.	Make summary notes ASAP. Summarize key points discussed in class. Be sure you write down (1) the questions that were raised and (2) the focus of the class.
<u><b>Problem-Based, Studio, Writing Classes</b></u>	<b>Work on</b> assigned problems, projects, and papers.	<b>Work on &amp; revise</b> papers, projects, and problems as needed.	<b>Do practice problems</b> [math, Chem.] <b>revise</b> projects, papers.  <b>Text = source for practice problems or info. for projects/papers.</b>

**QUESTION:** Can you identify the types of classes you are taking and allocate your time accordingly?