

HOW TO PREPARE FOR TUTORING

Ways to help you get the most out of tutoring

How to prepare for a tutoring session:

- Bring relevant materials such as lecture notes, book, assignments, and graded tests.
- Have specific questions you want to ask the tutor.
- Do your homework (attempt all questions) so that you can recognize what you truly need assistance with.
- Make notes of where you struggle in order to save time in asking the tutor your questions.
- Do not expect tutors to do your homework. Tutors will help you learn HOW to learn the material.
- Arrive to tutoring at a time that will give you sufficient opportunities to ask questions and to work on your assignments independently.

During your session:

- Establish a goal ahead of time for your tutoring session and tell your tutor exactly what you hope to accomplish. Your tutor will work to reasonably accomplish your goal within the tutoring session.
- Remember the tutor will not do the work for you. They will help you understand the subject matter so that you can apply the concepts to your homework or test problems.
- Take notes during the tutoring session on such things as explanations and instructions for working through problems.
- Explain to the tutors your learning style and how you approach or think about a problem so that the tutor can help you accordingly.
- Pay close attention to how the tutor approaches the problem so that you can try that method when the tutor is not around.

Tutoring can help you learn to become a more responsible student. A responsible student puts energy into learning, both in class and outside of class. A responsible student does required reading and written assignments. A responsible student turns in homework on time. A responsible student comes to class and tutoring sessions with the needed tools (such as pencil, paper, and books).