

How to Best Use Your Time Between Classes

Math Is Learned By Doing!

1. **Plan** your study time. Allow at least two hours per day.
2. **Read your math notes** on the same day that you wrote them. Research shows that we lose most of the information we learn unless we review it within the same day.
3. **Make a summary sheet** of math terminology or properties in each section. This act of summarizing and rewriting can deepen your understanding of the concepts presented, enhance your ability to remember them, and serve as a study sheet for your test.
4. **Do your homework** on the same day that it is assigned, or at least by the next class session. The only way to learn math is by doing it! Don't get behind!! The next lesson will build on the concept and the course can become a struggle.
5. **When you get stuck**, see your notes or book for similar examples that are worked out.
6. **Be persistent** but don't spend too much time on one problem. Seek help or move on to another problem and come back to it later.
7. When you have finished your homework, **check your answers** by looking in the back of your book or in the solution manual. Try and figure out **why** you missed the problem and correct the mistake.
8. **Mark homework problems** you still do not understand, ask a classmate, tutor or your instructor. Write out specific questions and get them answered as soon as possible. Make notes on what you learned so you can go back and study it later.
9. Use your homework problems to build a **list of practice test problems**.
10. Keep your homework and notes in an **organized notebook** so you can find them and questions that you have quickly.
11. **Studying** and doing homework is not necessarily the same thing!