

How to Succeed in This Class.....By Trying!

- Attend the lectures! The text and the online notes are to be used as supplements to what is presented in class, not substitutes for attending. You will find insights into the material, and the exams, which are presented in class, but are not available in the text or on the website. Regularly skipping class is a recipe for disaster. Trust me, I've seen it happen.

- Keep up with the material. Review the material from previous lectures before coming to lecture. Try to get started on the HW problems early. Reading ahead in the text is also a good idea.

- Feel free to ask questions, in lectures, office hours, or discussion session.

- Practice problem solving with the HW problems. It is OK to work in groups, if you like, but make sure that the writeup is your own, and that you really understand how the problem is solved. I try to make exam problems that are more conceptual, and less amenable to solution via simply plugging in memorized formulae and turning the crank. When solving an exam problem, first think about the concept, before plugging things into formulae.