

Being an Active and Focused College Student

<i>COURSE ACTIVITY</i>	<i>THE SUCCESSFUL STUDENT</i>	<i>THE UNSUCCESSFUL STUDENT</i>
Attending classes	Never misses a class except for extraordinary reasons.	Misses at least several classes, especially on Fridays.
Asking questions in class	Frequently asks questions in class.	Rarely, if ever, asks questions in class.
Asking the teacher for outside help	Has a written list of specific questions.	Has no specific questions; claims to be "lost."
Doing homework	Does the homework on the same day that it was assigned.	Leaves much of the homework until a few days before the test.
After making a mistake or being unable to solve a problem	After solving it alone or with help, reviews the steps in solving the problem. Asks and tries to answer questions about it.	Does not think about the problem; quickly goes on to the next problem.
After finishing a problem	Reviews the steps in solving the problem. Asks and tries to answer questions about it.	Does not think about the problem.
Aiming for a goal	Aims for 100%.	Aims for 60, 70, or 80%,
Covering the topics for the test	Studies all possible topics. Wants to have no weaknesses by the time of the test.	Omits some possible topics for study, since those topics "probably won't be on the test."
Choosing the level of difficulty of problems to work out in preparing for the test	Works out many problems on each topic, including as many of the challenging ones as possible.	Works out problems on each topic of average difficulty only; omits all of the challenging ones.