STUDY SKILLS – SET aside a scheduled time and find a good place for study each day. Reading alone will not help you learn new material. Writing will help you retain the information. Making connections to things you already know will help you remember information. Engaging in class discussions and completing all classwork will help you retain the information. ASK QUESTIONS to clarify understanding.

For any class where you are assigned to read textbook chapters

1. Truly engage in the textbook reading homework assignments by taking notes with purpose and to read with the intention to learn and better understand the material.

NOTES can be in any format you want, but a good one is to do main detail notes by section, then write a paragraph summary of the whole section, and keep a list of key terms.

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| **Key terms list**  Write the word  term  name  and a brief definition  brief - short | **HEADING** (Chapter subheadings, page numbers) |
| **NOTES**   * Don’t write complete sentences! * Just list important facts. * Skip lines between info or bullet info.   Underline important names, key terms  When you go back and re-read your notes, highlight the most important things to remember. |
| **SUMMARY** Write a paragraph that summarizes the main points of the section. For example it is important to keep notes brief with key info only and to re-read notes to help you recall the most important information of the reading. The summary helps you put everything together and connect info to better recall it. |

1. Review and study the chapter study guides **daily. (Don’t CRAM!)**
2. VOCABULARY/ KEY TERMS – FLASH CARDS, make your own and then use them – you will learn the material better if you make your own. You can even make them digitally. (cram.com has an app)
3. Memory devices – draw pictures - find connections. (Did you know the first letters of the Great Lakes spell HOMES?)
4. MAKE A PLAN. TAKE BREAKS. REWARD YOURSELF. KEEP REASONABLE GOAL IN MIND.