

Tips for Visual Learners

Visual learners learn best by seeing. Visual learners benefit from reading the book, seeing videos, charts, graphs, diagrams and using color. If you are a visual learner, here are some strategies for using your learning style to your best advantage in the classroom and in your study habits:

1. Always take notes during class or when working with study partners or tutors.
2. Ask for written instructions and /or write down verbal instructions.
3. Make drawings, sketches, diagrams or tables/charts when figuring out application problems.
4. Highlight key points and use color coding systems when possible in your book, notes and handouts.
5. Use a note card system (make your own with index cards) to review important concepts, formulas, definitions, examples, etc.
6. During class, keep your eyes focused on the instructor and what he or she is writing down. Try to write down what your instructor writes on the board and put question marks next to things you do not understand so that you may follow up for help later.
7. Use a second math book or websites to read different explanations of the same topic.
8. Read the section(s) that are to be covered in the book prior to the class lecture.
9. Read and review previous class notes before the next class.
10. Make use of student study guides, supplemental course CD's, videos and handouts.
11. Create learning maps of covered information.
12. Sit in the front of the classroom to avoid other visual distractions and to better focus on the instructor.

"I learned that I am a visual learner. Color, graphs, maps and organization such as flash cards make it easier for me to learn and retain information while maintaining concentration. I am now more confident in my abilities as a math student.

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