



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

Ten Steps to Success in the Classroom

1. Understand what is expected of you

- Read the syllabus and the course description, and keep it handy for reference throughout the semester.
- Create a calendar for your study times as well as for all your assignment due dates.
- Note the class rules – etiquette, late assignments, attendance, etc.

2. Come to class prepared

- a. Read your textbook assignment, review your notes, and finish your homework *before* class.
- Bring a pen or pencil, notebook paper, your textbook, and a dictionary.
 - Be ready to discuss or answer questions about the readings, class assignments, and homework.

3. Manage your time well

- Identify the best times and place to study.
- Make a weekly study plan, *and keep to it*.
- Set priorities.
- Turn in assignments on time.

4. Know your learning style (visit the Learning Center to find out!)

- Identify your learning modality preference.
- Identify your best study environment.
- Decide whether you study best alone or in a study group.
- Find out what your core question is.

5. Develop good study habits (visit the Learning Center for help!)

- Develop a good note taking system.
- Read textbooks critically.
- Improve your memory.
- Create study aids.
- Use your study time efficiently.

6. Improve your reading, writing, and computational skills

- Use Reading Center services.
- Use Writing Center and ESL Study Center services.
- Use Math Center services.

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7. Improve your test taking ability

- Distribute test preparation over time.
- Understand how to prepare for different kinds of tests.
- Reduce test anxiety by practice testing.

8. Seek help when you need it

- Use your instructor's office hours.
- Use tutorial services in the Learning Center.
- Visit a faculty learning specialist in the Learning Center.
- See your counselor.

9. Identify campus resources

- Identify where you can find tutorial services.
- Learn how to use campus library services.
- Identify instructor office hours and locations.
- Learn how to use the Instructional Multimedia Center (IMC).
- Identify key persons in your area of study (on campus).
- Discover other resources that may be of use (e.g. Security, Career Center, Transfer Center, Office of Student Disabilities (OSD), etc.).

10. Take care of yourself physically

- a. Eat good meals before tests and classes.
- b. Get plenty of sleep to avoid overexertion.
- c. Exercise regularly.

For information about the Learning Center, contact the Learning Center front desk at 722-6458.