



A Guide to Studying from PowerPoint Presentations

Look over PowerPoint before class

- Skim each slide before class—no need to have a thorough understanding of the concepts at this point.
- Ask yourself, “What is the purpose of the slide?”
- Print out slides and write down 5-10 questions that come up as you skim.
- While listening to the lecture, listen for the answers to your questions. If any of your questions are not answered at the end, ask for clarification.

Review Slides: Ask Questions

- Write questions as you take notes during the lecture. The questions will cause you to recall information as you go through your notes later.
- Put your questions into a spreadsheet or Quizlet and study them periodically.

Make Lecture Slides into Flashcards

- Pick the number of flashcards you will make per lecture.
 - Do not turn every bullet point into a flashcard. Instead, pick 2 or 3 things you’d like to write down.
- When learning terms, write the term on the blank side of your flashcard and the definition on the lined side.

Create a One-Page Cheat Sheet

- While in lecture, create something like an outline, chart, map, or image that will help you to remember key points.

Summarize

- Select what you think will be the most important information.
- Once you have done this, put the information in your own words and try recalling it without help.
- Teach the information to a friend or roommate.

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