



## Tips for Success in Economics

- **Read all textbook assignments before class** and carefully study the key terms.
- Complete **end-of-chapter problems** in the textbook.
- **Create an outline of readings** to use as a note taking device in class. Prepare questions over items in the reading you do not understand.
- **Review all illustrations** covered in class and **review all illustrations** in the textbook readings.
- **Pay particular attention** to all terms, figures, and charts **the instructor puts on the board**.
- For students that want a more visual and intuitive explanation of economics, Marginal Revolution University, <https://mru.org>, has many well produced and entertaining videos explaining economic topics.
- **Use flash cards**. Flash cards are helpful for organizing lists, terms, names, concepts, and other important information.
- **Take notes in the margins of your textbook**. Record main points, key terms, supporting details, and examples.
- **Determine what's important** –
  - Find out how much the instructor emphasizes lecture material and how much he/she employs reading material.
  - Some instructors prefer that you use textbook definitions and explanations while others prefer that you use the definitions and interpretations they gave in class.
  - Budget your time and efforts between lecture and textbook readings accordingly.
- **Practice questions** – Work individually or with other students to write sample essay, multiple choice, true/false, or other questions. Look for ideas in the review section at the end of each chapter, turn chapter headings into questions, look at old exams, and focus on items emphasized in class.

Please note: This information has been compiled in conjunction with the Ness School of Management and Economics.