

Success Tip: Completing Homework, Graded or Not

Have you ever asked yourself, “What is the point of completing this assignment if it’s not even graded?”

To successfully learn, we need to connect the left side of our brain (structure) with the right side of our brain (imagery) to process information in order for it to have meaning.

Did you know that the amount of time someone studies does not correlate with exam scores? It is the **QUALITY** of study that counts.

Improving the quality of studying.

Read associated textbook assignments prior to attending lectures. Make sure to review and clarify notes from lectures. Start homework problems soon after class. Make notecards or concept maps covering important topics, definitions, rules, and theories. Prepare for exams by predicting possible test questions.

Study the material more than once.

Homework helps us to connect networks in our brain to help remember material. Often, similar questions from homework (even non-graded homework) are included on tests. Remember, 40% of new learning is lost after 20 minutes, and 70% of new learning is lost after 24 hours.

Learning involves...

All of the senses – seeing, hearing, verbalizing, and doing.

Keep up with homework problems, papers, projects, and readings.

Make time in every day to complete assigned and suggested homework. Break large assignments into smaller, more manageable units. Work in 20-30 minute blocks of time and remember to take 5-10 minute breaks between each block.

Daily reinforcement and repetition using multiple senses leads to faster, smoother connections in our brain, especially when learning new material.