

Reading Strategies

Reading for college courses is very different than reading for pleasure. The following strategies are recommended to assist you with textbook and scholarly reading material.



Prepare for Success

Find a comfortable and well lit area with few distractions and be sure to silence your phone.

Look over chapter headings, subheadings, charts, diagrams, bolded words, summaries and questions. You will read more quickly if you know what to expect.

What do you already know? How does this relate to what you've already learned in class?

Reading Takes Time

Don't be tempted to rush through reading. Give yourself enough time to understand the material and take notes as you go. Putting in the effort during your reading saves you time down the road. If you took sufficient notes and made an effort to summarize material the first time through, you have a head start on exam preparations.

Take Notes - Use the headings and subheadings to create an outline and take notes as you read.

Read an entire section before stopping to take notes. This allows you to make sure you have the whole argument.

