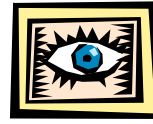




Tips for Visual Learners



****Not only is it important to know your own learning style, but the learning styles of those around you, such as professors or peers. Although this may be your primary learning style, knowing how to adapt to other learning styles can improve your performance academically****

Clues to Style

- Needs to be able to see the information
- Difficulty following spoken directions (prefers written directions)
- Strong sense of color
- May be easily distracted by sounds
- Trouble following lectures
- Misunderstands or misinterprets spoken material
- Tends to think in images or pictures (even visualizes notes or outlines)
- Artistic talent in the visual arts
- Often have vivid imaginations
- Needs something to watch so may tend to stare
- Often quiet or not lengthy talkers
- Becomes impatient or drifts away when extensive listening required
- Learns by seeing and watching demonstrations
- Tends to conform to classroom standards (such as sitting quietly, writing neatly, organizing materials)
- Effective in written communication, symbol manipulation, etc.

Study Tip Suggestions

- Take lecture notes
- Underline, highlight, or circle printed material
- Borrow others' notes, compare to own
- Draw pictures in notes to illustrate ideas
- Use a variety of colors—in pens, highlighters, note cards, etc. for different categories or concepts
- After reading, review notes or underlined material to reinforce learning
- Write it out!
- Use outlines, pictures, graphs, charts and diagrams
- Use a plastic cover with erasable markers to label diagrams over and over, or to test yourself writing answers to questions
- Visualize spelling of words or facts to be memorized
- Test yourself by visualizing main ideas or questions and write the details or answers
- Read black and white text and convert information into pictures, maps, diagrams, sketches, lists, etc.
- Make mind maps to look at spatial relationships
- Rewrite or redraw things from memory
- Look at professors and others when they talk to help you focus and to pick up on body language
- Make and use flashcards for studying (vocabulary, formulas, condensed notes, etc.)
- Use computers to organize material and to create graphs, tables, charts
- Study in a quiet place away from verbal disturbances
- Make your study area visually appealing