



COLLEGE MATTERS

Tips to help you succeed in your academic college career

How to Best Use a Tutor

Tutors can help you prepare for exams, review concepts, work problems, and more.

Is Tutoring Effective?

A research study comparing tutoring to lecturing found that 90% of the tutored students attained levels reached by only the top 20% of those in regular classes.

Not only is tutoring effective, but this study shows that the vast majority of students are capable of doing outstanding work.

When to go -

- Are you satisfied with your grades?
- Do you need help with your homework?
- Is your understanding of concepts fuzzy?
- Do you need practice in organizing information?
- Do you need encouragement to improve self-confidence?
- Do you need help in developing a good problem-solving strategy?
- Would you like another point of view? Another explanation of major concepts?
- Does it help for you to verbalize and talk out concepts?
- Would you like help in reviewing for exams?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you would benefit from seeing a tutor.

What to bring to a tutoring session -

- Specific problems to work on
- Notes, textbook, homework and past tests
- A positive attitude

What to avoid doing during a tutoring session -

- Don't ask the tutor to do your work. The tutor's role is to help you do the work.
- Don't come if you haven't read the book or tried the homework.
- Don't wait too long. If you're having trouble, clear it up quickly.

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