



Student Success Office

Peer Tips for Success

MTH 155

What makes a successful student in MTH 155?

- Get a good scientific calculator with static's on it
- YouTube, TI-84 calculator, put assignments on calendar
- Take good notes. Ask questions when you're having trouble. Watch all the content, and do the optional quizzes for extra practice.
- Be prepared to come in for testing, stay in contact with your professor, utilize PVCC tutoring.
- Watch the lectures, because there is a ton of valuable information in them, starting on all of the projects early so you aren't swamped on the day they are due, and turn in all of the assignments because it will truly help your grade.
- Make time. Study the material. Do the work.
- Review some basic math concepts if this is the first math class you've taken in a while.
- Use a planner of some sort to stay on top of due dates
- If you're taking this class asynchronously, schedule time each day to dedicate to learning stats. It will take time!!

When concepts get hard, what strategy do you use to overcome?

- Google and YouTube examples
- Review notes and if I'm still having trouble I will reach out to the professor for help.
- Online tutoring and repetition learning.
- I try to find a Youtube video that can explain the concept in simpler words and then I re-watch the lecture with the information I just gained in mind. I also email my professor and ask them questions when I cannot seem to understand something.
- I like to treat harder assignments as enemies to be defeated. That way, I am more determined to complete them and feel all the better for doing so.
- I went to First Quadrant Tutoring this semester and that was helpful. I also use Google, YouTube, and practice lots of questions that are similar to the ones I'm struggling with. Reach out to the professor, as well!

When you got an unfavorable grade in the class, what caused it?

- Just could not figure out the data for the equation
- Turning things in late
- Carelessness. Read the assignment/questions carefully, and pay attention to details. Also make time to study, don't try to do it all at once.
- Lack of work shown, be sure to show your work when the problem asks for it.
- When I get an unfavorable grade in class it is my own fault because I did not put in enough effort to get a good grade. I would recommend leaving yourself a lot of time to complete assignments, especially tests, because that is where I have struggled the most.
- Lack of knowledge of the subject is what usually gives me lower grades. Just study and ask for help if you need it.
- I didn't dedicate enough time to learning everything in the probability unit so my quiz grade for that topic was lower than I'd like. My advice to avoid this is to plan from the very beginning of the course how much

time you're going to dedicate to the class each day. It's easy to think of an asynchronous course as less demanding, but that's not the case with this class. There is a lot of information to learn and you have to take responsibility to learn it!

Final words of encouragement you can share peer to peer

- There is no preparing, you get it or you don't
- Keep pushing through, you got it! It will be over soon. :)
- This has been a great class, the professor is really good at explaining the concepts, and always happy to help when you have a question.
- Stay on track and you should succeed!
- Good luck and I hope you learn a lot about Stats!
- Statistics is easier and more engaging than other math classes, so don't be afraid of it.
- You can do it!! If you grew up having a negative mindset about your math abilities (like I did!), you will likely feel intimidated, but just keep trying to learn the material. Practice, practice, practice and know that there is light at the end of the tunnel. You've got this!