Active Study

Each day after class and before your next class...

- Review your notes and rewrite them in your own words. Reorder or reorganize them, using symbols, numbers, pictures, or charts... this helps give them meaning and make them your own.

- Transfer key concepts, vocabulary, formulas or any material to be memorized to flashcards. Review regularly (several times a week) and be sure to take the time to think/figure it out before flipping the card to look at the answer.

- Make sure you understand all new material. If you don't, take the time to figure it out right away. Ask a classmate or jot down your question and bring it to your professor, TA, or tutor.

- Test yourself. Can you apply the concepts and solve problems? Do a few sample problems or start the homework that same day. Work on problems without looking at solutions and don’t give up too soon.

- Practice and reinforce your learning by taking a few minutes to explain new material to a classmate without looking in your notes.

- Study as if there will be a quiz on the material next class.