

# *How to Succeed in First Year Chemistry*

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# 1. School is your job.

- *The old axiom: study 3 hours outside of class for every 1 credit hour.*
- *Therefore,*  
*15 hour courseload*  
*= 45 hour study time/week*  
*Total school time per week*  
*= 15 + 45 = **60 hours***

*(This isn't high school anymore.)*

## 2. GO TO CLASS!

- *Nothing can replace the experience of “being” there –*
  - *The explanations*
  - *The demos*
  - *The in-class quizzes*
  - *Announcements*
  - *Hints for the exams*
- *You can get the notes from friends, the web or go to tutors, but it’s not the same.*

### 3. Don't be afraid of your professor

- *Ask questions in class – sit in the front middle section to minimize the “fear” factor*
- *Visit your prof before or after class and during office hours*
- *Send e-mails*
- *Get to know your prof – you may be asking for letters of recommendation in the future!*

## 4. Take advantage of all FREE help.

- *TA Office Hours are in Rm 406 HELD*
- *Prof Office Hours & Review Sessions*
- *Free tutoring by Academic Success Center ([successcenter.tamu.edu](http://successcenter.tamu.edu))*
- *More free tutoring by the Center for Multicultural Services ([tutor.tamu.edu](http://tutor.tamu.edu))*
- *Other tutoring around campus*

## 5. What Else?

- *Try to recognize EARLY if you are having trouble with Chemistry. There is lots of help available – but you have to know that you need it. Don't be afraid to ask for help.*
- *If you are having personal problems, visit your professor ASAP before it majorly affects your grades to explain. Usually there are options that you may not be aware of.*