

Dear future math student taking college algebra class,

This course requires a lot of time and effort from your part. If you want to be successful, you must study on your own time and complete the homework assignments. It's nothing like high school where you would get homework every now and then. No, homework is a crucial part of the learning process. Some ways you can learn the material better is by memorizing to be best of your ability the process for solving problems in the notes within a few hours of completing them. Some strategies for preparing for an exam is giving yourself plenty of time to study and review your notes, rather than cramming all the information the night before. I would plan out reviewing a section and the homework for that section each night to lead up to the day before the exam. It worked well for me because I did not feel overwhelmed for trying to review it all at once. Something I could've done differently to be more prepared for the test is working more problems similar to those in the notes. Whenever you run into a problem on homework that is difficult for you to solve don't just leave it blank. Go seek help at the tutoring center, asking your professor, or even asking a classmate. Always make sure you understand the process of solving whatever the equation may be because you will see it in the future but joined with another concept that can possibly be harder. Just make sure to do your homework, do not procrastinate, check for your personal understanding, and study notes.

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