

Study Habit and Grades

	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D/F
Homework	Do all homework assignments with own effort and understanding. Start working on it as soon as getting it.	Do some homework with own effort. Get significant help from others. Start when due date is approaching.	Do homework at last minute or often turn in late. Don't really understand but just copy the solution manual	Skip turning in homework
Attendance	Always there, on time	Usually there	Often late or not there	Attendance tapers off toward the end of semester
Note Taking	Thorough. Record what instructor says. Rewrite notes after class	Transcribe what is on the board. Keep notes together	Scanty. Cannot understand the notes. Some materials go missing	Don't take notes
Hours of study outside class (hr/week-credit)	Over 2	1-2	0.5-1	Less than 0.5
Class participation	Sometimes class is fun. Ask questions	Class is mostly tasteless but attend anyway	Needs much patience to stay in	Distracted/chatting/texting
Absence from exam	Never.	Inform instructor well ahead of time	Inform at last minute	Inform after absence
Text reading	Read through textbook regularly before and after class	Use textbook for homework and exam but not read through	Use textbook just for chapter-end homework problems	Make little use of the book

My comments:

1. Consider only A and B as acceptable grades. Honestly, C means you did not learn enough.
2. Attendance is your life. If wake up sick, get some medicine and go to class—even if you are going to sleep through. The only excuse is if you are hospitalized.
3. You learn only by doing homework. Period.
4. If you haven't finished assignments, still turn in whatever you have done with your name on it when it is due.
5. Review materials before exams. Open your notes and book at least a couple days before. Yeah... facing the reality can be painful. But it is the only way out. And the sooner the better.