Exam-Based Course—70% of your grade is determined by 3 exams. Exam Guidelines available on “Class Pages”

Learn about upcoming material—YouTube, Online Courses
Try some problems—from WeBWorK, textbook, notes
Identify specific questions—What part of the problem is confusing?  

Before Class

During Class
Do in-class examples—save them for later if you don’t have time during class
Ask questions and ask your instructor to pause so you can finish writing
Take meaningful notes—skim textbook and online resources to identify what information is available in other places so that you can focus on new information

Work on some problems as soon as possible. This will help to solidify the new information. This can also help you find the kinds of supports you will need to learn the content.

Review, organize, and summarize notes. Try to limit the length of your summary so that you are filtering and synthesizing the information

After Class

Exam Preparation
Solve problems without notes, tutor, previous work. Practice expressing your understanding in this very specific way, since 70% of your grade is based on exams.

Practice timing yourself—solving a problem in 10 minutes is very different from solving the problem at your own pace.

Exam Study Guides (back of textbook)—content summary along with suggested problems

Practice Exams are NOT A REVIEW GUIDE!

Practice exams are written to be close to the right amount of time. They are a good way to practice your timing, but are not necessarily a good way to check that you have a comprehensive understanding of the exam material.

There can be questions on the exam that are not on the practice exam.

Take practice exams in an “exam-like” setting—timed, no notes, no tutors, no peers