# TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE STUDYING: STUDY SMARTER NOT HARDER

**Intense (and Effective!) Study Sessions** can be short, but they must be focused and incorporate active learning and assessment.

1-5 min. Set Goal

20-50 min.

Focused Study

10-15 min.

Reward

5 min.

Review

# **Identify a Goal**

Make it:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Relevant
- Time-bound

## **Use Active Study Strategies**

Be interactive:

- Reorganize notes
- Summarize
- Do practice problems
- Teach to a friend
- Create visuals

#### Take a Break

Reward yourself:

- Go for a walk
- Watch a fun video
- Treat yourself

#### **Assess Yourself**

Review material:

- Did your study strategies work?
- Need to adjust anything?

# BE INTENTIONAL WITH YOUR STUDYING

## Make a Plan

Prioritize your tasks and map out your study plans

#### **Consider Your Environment**

Need quiet or background noise? Working alone or with a study buddy? Are you reducing distraction?

## Switch it Up

(Interleaving)

Switch between topics to strengthen learning and create links between ideas.

#### Make it Fun & Doodle

(Dual Coding)

Combining words *and* images enhances learning, so doodle away! Timelines, flowcharts, graphs!

#### **Challenge Yourself**

Once you've mastered a topic, push yourself to focus on concepts you find more difficult.

#### Space Out Your Study

(Distributed Practice)

Short sessions over a longer period are more effective than one long session.

# Make Time for Self-Care

Stay hydrated, prioritize sleep, and move your body. Eat food that sustains you!

#### **Enlist Support!**

Find a study buddy or accountability partner.

Reach out to Tutoring Center staff, librarians,
faculty—we're here to help!

# **RESOURCES**

## **Tutoring and Study Help:**

- The <u>Tutoring Center</u>: Drop-in tutoring, help with study strategies, and time management tips.
  - Available <u>online</u> in Teams and in person in the Learning Commons
  - View our tutoring schedules
- Online learning materials
- Study support and virtual study spaces

#### Textbooks:

• Library <u>Textbook reserves</u>

# **Research and Papers:**

- Reference and research help: Chat with a librarian 24/7 or set up an appointment!
- The Writing Center
- Citation resources, including Writing Center handouts and Library LibGuides
- Grammarly: Great for final edits on your draft

## **Tech and Software Support:**

- Help Desk
- Library Technology reserves

#### Stress Relief and Wellness:

- Study Support and Wellness Resources Stress relief activities and virtual study spaces!
- Virtual Makerspace: Take a break from studying with fun STEAM projects!
- Wellbeing Programs
- <u>Counseling Center</u>: Make <u>an appointment</u> or check out <u>helpful resources</u>

