Tips for Academic Success

Physics 115/116

SI Leader Tips for Studying for Physics 115 / 116

Academic Resources has asked our Supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders to share their best strategies for doing well with particular courses. Here are their recommendations for Physics 115/116.

- Ahead of time, watch the khanacademy.org videos on the topics that are going to be covered next.
- Go to lecture every day and take good notes.
- Do the homework without copying or having the solutions. Understanding these problems is half the battle in getting an A.
- In preparing for an exam, do all of the practice tests posted on the course site. Try doing them without notes, only with the formula sheet since that will simulate the real exam.
- Go to the SI exam reviews and make sure you know how to do the types of problems emphasized.
- Go through problems you missed on the review and practice tests. Make sure you know why you missed them and try them again after giving yourself time to think about something else.
- Studying with friends, attending SI sessions, and going to the course professor are all great ways to reinforce your understanding and make sure you are prepared.
- If you're struggling, make sure you seek out help. We all want you to succeed, you just have to put in the effort.