

Letters to Students

Dear Student,

Break up your studying! Space - Practice! By studying a little each day, the material stays fresher and you don't have to cram as much right before the test.

Dear Student,

The book is not as helpful as lecture. There are a lot of things within the chapter we end up ignoring. It's a good reference, and should be looked over, but lecture notes are so much more important along with online notes. The sample exams are very helpful and many similar questions appear on tests. Good luck!

Dear Biology 121 Student,

My advice to you is to get to know Steve. He is approachable and more than willing to help. His class is challenging but the review sessions help - no other biology professor gives up their Sunday night to work with students for as long as they need.

Dear Student,

Keep looking at the online syllabus and print off the assignments. They are great to have even if we don't go over them, plus, if we do, it's nice to have the sheet in front of you. Also, there are weekly review sessions - attend them, even if you don't have questions.

Dear Student,

My advice to you is to not read the book, but study purely off lecture and notes. I found the book to be confusing so I would have to wait to hear lecture in order to understand the reading anyway. Skip the book but spend lots of time studying the notes. Sincerely, name withheld

I wish I knew that most of the questions that you ask on the test are from your notes online and not from the textbook. Therefore, study more from the Presidential Notes and online notes than the textbook. - Name withheld -

Dear Student,

Take lots of notes in lecture and ask the teacher how they test (lecture vs. book). Make sure to study hard as often as you can. Take time on your tests and listen well to your professors. Because they can teach you a ton of things if you apply yourself. Don't worry about your grades, just work hard, do your best, and it will work out.

Dear Student,

I wish I would have known not to study so much from the book, but more so the notes from class . . . (take good ones!) and Steve's notes online! If you do that you will be golden. Just make sure you attend class and take neat, organized adequate yet concise notes!

Dear New Student,

Read Saupé's online notes and review the chapters before classes. This way you will be less likely to fall behind and gain a greater understanding of what you are learning in class. Take good notes in class!!

Dear Student,

Get the book and read it, or at least review with it. Study as much as possible, don't cram. Take the best, most organized notes you can!

Dear Student,

Take ten to fifteen minutes after each class to review what you covered in class and solidify questions from class with the book. This should help you retain the information longer.

Dear Students,

I would have liked to know about the practice tests online. Many test questions are similar to those on the practice test. They are a very good studying tool and I would urge you to use them.

Dear Student,

I advise the students to read the chapters before class and bring questions to class. Be attentive, come to class and have fun!

Dear Student –

My advice to you is to use his online notes because they are extremely helpful!! Also, use the exams posted online from the previous year because they are a great way to study. Print off the notes and highlight! Good luck!

Dear Student,

To perform well in this class there are a few things that can really help you. First is come to class prepared. If you are able to look over the information before lecture you will get much more out of it. Secondly, take notes diligently during class. Write down all you can with as much detail as possible. Good luck, name withheld

Dear Student,

I advise you to take a lot of notes during class. Be sure to listen and go to review sessions. You should start studying for tests early. Sometimes even a week early. This course covers a lot of material, but don't let yourself get frustrated. Thanks, name withheld

Dear Students:

Read the chapters but focus on the notes from lecture. Take lots of notes and study them right after class while the information is fresh. Also, do the reviews from past tests and take the practice tests. Always come to class. Best of luck!

Dear Steve,

At the beginning of this year I wish I would have known to study biology a little bit each night so studying for the tests would not have been as difficult. Thanks for a great semester! Alex Gassner

Dear Student:

Read over the chapters as well as the notes. Make sure you understand both! Most of all . . . pay attention in class. He tells you all you need to know! This class is not hard if you put effort into it. Best of luck!

Dear Students,

This semester has been great especially in Biology. The one recommendation I can make to help you and make Biology easier is to always read and always study what is given the day it was given. Study every night.

Dear Student,

I wish I would have known how important it was to read all of the extra material before the tests. I wish I would have known how to prepare better for the tests, to know which type of questions there would be. How to study best!

Dear Student,

My piece of advice would be to definitely **read** ahead of class. Read any chapters or notes that may be pertinent to the subject/topic discussed next class. Do not be afraid if it is not all clear, Prof. Saupe will do a great job of clearing it all up in the lecture. Once again I emphasize READ AHEAD OF CLASS. Sincerely name withheld p.s. Best Biology Class Ever!!

Dear Student,

I wish I would have come to ask Saupe more questions in his office at the beginning of the semester. He is very approachable and the one-on-one help is very beneficial. Make sure to review the online notes! – Grace Mevissen

Dear Student,

This course is do-able if you read the book before lecture – as well as Steve’s online notes. Study excessively for all the tests . . . I usually got in 20-30 hours. Attend the Review Sessions when you can and you’ll have an all right semester! Steve is a terrific prof! GOOD LUCK!

Dearest Student,

Make sure that you write down every word Stave says. Read, print off and highlight his online notes and take advantage of review sessions. Be sure to only study his notes, not read the book! Love, name withheld. p.s. Take him next semester, he’s one of the ‘good ones’!

Dear Student,

When you attend this class, make sure you take notes and please try to read the textbook in relevant areas which would help you to perform well. Go through the exams, after results are released with your professor, to know what went wrong. He is a great teacher, he will help you out!

Dear Student,

My advice to you is to print (and read!) Steve’s online notes as soon as you start a new topic. They are very informative and probably the best reference to study from. Also, even though assignments aren’t graded, do them to the best of your ability!! They will help a lot!

Dear Mildred,

As you embark on this new biological endeavor, there are a few things you must know if you are going to be successful. First, at least skim the book prior to coming to class as this will give you a better understanding of what Steve is talking about. Also, the points in lab are very easy. Take the pre and post labs seriously, as they will give you many easy points. Enjoy.

Dear Student,

First of all, you can't take this class pass/fail, so if you were planning on doing that, too bad. You'll just have to take the grade. Also, make sure you study for the second test. I don't know if it was just harder or if I didn't study enough, but it killed me. I got 87's on the other two and a 67 on the second one. Yeah, it sucked. Just remember to show up for class and take notes and you'll probably be fine. Good luck.

Dear Student,

The one thing I would have liked to know is that the textbook should be used as more of a clarification tool rather than a way to comprehend the entire chapter. The online notes are a great way to focus your knowledge and study for exams.

Dear Student,

In Saupe's class, it is most important to take **EXTREMELY** good notes! If you write down everything we talk about in class and know that for the tests, you will do great. Also, take advantage of his review sessions, extra study materials, and study tips online if you are having trouble. Good luck! p.s. Hope you don't like cats.

Dear Student,

The best advice I can give you to do excellent in this class is to totally pay attention and focus during class! The first unit I figured I'd just study from the book and half heartedly listen to the lectures, but I realized that doesn't work when I got my first test back and I had gotten a D. If you pay attention, take notes on everything, you'll do great. Saupe is a great teacher and he explains it so well, if you just listen.