

## KEYS TO SUCCESS IN GEOLOGY COURSES

1. Take lots of notes but don't try to take dictation. Have a large notebook for taking notes.
2. Pay attention in class - get plenty of sleep and eat 3 meals a day. Your brain needs rest and fuel. Your mind "going blank" (especially on a test) is due to mental and/or physical fatigue.
3. Be on time (or early) to class in order to copy any materials on the board before lecture begins.
4. Do the assigned readings BEFORE the lecture on the topics.
5. Copy your notes over daily and coordinate them with the outline passed out in class.
6. Ask questions if you don't understand or are not sure. The only "dumb" question is the one not asked.
7. Weekly study time should be around 5 hours!
8. Use 3x5 cards as flash cards. Put questions on one side and the answer on the other. Use them to study from.
9. Look your notes over carefully and pick 4 or 5 topics most likely to be essay question(s). Practice WRITING them and the answers.
10. Plan to have perfect attendance. If **FORCED** to miss a class, get the notes you missed before the next class. Make arrangements NOW to get notes from someone.