How To Pass My Calculus Class
(or anybody else’s)

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Potential Titles:

- How to Pass my Calculus Class without really trying.
- How to Pass my Calculus Class and have more fun.
- Everything you wanted to know about Calculus but were afraid to ask.
- How to Pass my Calculus Class (or anybody else’s).
Lectures

- listen—don’t write everything down.
- take turns in note taking
- know what you can find on the web
Instructor Interaction

- introduce yourself
- go to office hours at least once
- ask questions in lecture…not too many!
Day to Day Studying

- Read book
- exercises—odd and even
- groups of 2-4
- write homework neatly and in order
Preparing for exams

- write your own practice exam
- warmup 15 minutes before exam
- write formulas on back at beginning of exam
Do’s

- introduce yourself to your instructor
- read the book
- go to office hours with specific questions
- ask questions in lecture
- work in groups—if necessary
- warm up for exams—“Math is not a spectator sport”
Don’ts

- expect instructor to remember your name
- say “I’m lost”
- copy all of your homework
- ask “What was the last assignment”
- say “I’m going to miss the next class. Will I miss anything important?”
- think this is high school
- think you know calculus already
Where to get help

- Fellow students
- Instructor’s office hours
- Teaching assistant’s office hours
- Math department—Help Room and Computer Lab
- Supplemental Instruction—Academic Success Center
- Student Support Services
- Disability Resources Office
- private tutor