Study Tips: Making the Most of PLUS

Rule #1: There are no stupid questions!

✓ Bring all relevant course materials: notes, textbook, problem sets, practice exams, etc.
✓ Come with a specific question or concept you want to understand better.
✓ Try the work (problem sets, practice exams, etc.) first; be prepared to explain your work and thinking.
✓ Be prepared to work with others at PLUS, and especially seek out other students with the same professor. Working collaboratively gives you the chance to learn from others and check your understanding of course material.
✓ Read your textbook, and know how to use it.
✓ Take good notes in class, review your notes after class.
✓ Make a “cheat sheet” for notes/equations/reactions to summarize key information. Even if you can’t use it in exams, the act of selecting and noting the information will help with comprehension and retention.
✓ Draw pictures to help you understand a problem or concept more clearly.
✓ Don’t be afraid to use Google/YouTube/Khan Academy.

A few things to remember:

- Every Northwestern student experiences challenges with course work at some point — that’s the way it’s supposed to be!
- Your professor and TA office hours are generally the best resource of all.
- Bring needed supplies: pencil & paper, calculator, laptop, a charger.