

# Getting the Most Out of Class Time

- Attend each class!
- Come in with a positive attitude
- Arrive on time; try not to be rushed; have something to eat before class
- Sit where you can see and hear well
- Be prepared for class – have homework completed, skim the textbook sections to be covered (you'll need to read the textbook sections in more detail after class)
- Bring along a list of questions you encountered while you were doing your homework and preparing for class
- Be an active listener – don't let note-taking distract from listening to the presentation
- Take careful notes
  - Write comments out to the side of the example problems
  - Use short-hand to allow yourself to write more quickly
  - Use stars, highlighting, or a different color of ink to emphasize important points
  - Rewrite your notes after class if they're messy – besides, using the tactile sense helps you absorb and remember the information
  - Try to restate concepts in your own words (verbalizing helps you learn and remember)
- Ask questions during class if there is something you don't understand
- Review your notes as soon as possible after class; see if you remember how to complete the example problems on your own
- Ask for help from the professor – email or phone between classes, meet before class

