

Advice from previous classes:

On preparing for class:

- Actually familiarize yourself with the course website. It's really not that hard to spend 5 minutes and know your way around it. You will be better prepared for assignments that come your way.
- Don't push the reading off until last minute. Read the chapters FIRST or at least before the next lecture because it helps tie everything together.
- The text is the biggest/most important component in the course for understanding (#2: videos).
- Take a little bit of time each day to study. Work all throughout the week.
- The broad comprehension questions at the beginning of each section in the syllabus are useful tools in test preparation. They help you to explore and think over content in the section.
- Watch plenty of videos (ones that are provided and more that you can find)
- Pick a regular time(s) during the week to work on the class work, just schedule a time.

On reviewing course material:

- Start studying the day you get material, up until the test. Don't wait to study, you'll regret it.
- Talk about the class with your fellow students. Gripping about an architect or movement around the lunch table helps you understand other perspectives and remember more about that topic.
- Keep going back to the quizzes; they are probably the most helpful resource leading into a test.
- Create times to meet with classmates outside of class to refresh on the material.
- Re-watch /read different study materials.
- Always study buildings in groups.
- A gradual approach is more effective in memorizing buildings for an exam. Try to avoid cramming on memorization like this; it's ineffective.
- Talk to your classmates about the content being discussed. It helps you to understand, explore, and learn the content, and you might also learn something new from what they know.

On getting the most out of class time:

- Names and dates are secondary information that's easy to look up on your own. During class time, focus on understanding the narrative of the time and the general themes. Take notes on that stuff.
- Show up to each class and take a lot of notes.
- Talk & ask questions in class. If you feel uncomfortable or don't understand something, speak up. Dr. Amundson will be more than willing to discuss topics, and I think that this is one great way to learn.
- Ask questions when you have them, but not only that try to be thinking of what questions you do have. Make it a goal to come up with a question during lecture or while working through the assigned homework/videos/reading.
- Ask questions not only with Amundson but also with peers.

Generally ...

- Pay attention to the overall narrative and do not get too focused on the specifics
- Tell yourself you will do well and believe it; if you are excited for class, you will retain more.
- Take the initiative in your learning