Study Techniques To Try!

1. Get with a study partner and take turns going through your class notes as though you were explaining the information to someone who had never heard it before. Check with your partner for understanding.
2. Make Flashcards. Use one side of the card for key terms, dates, names, etc and the other for a brief explanation or definition. Make them so you can run through them looking at either side.
3. In a study group, have everyone write 5 potential exam questions. Answer them in the group or in a simulated test- discuss your answers.
4. Before you begin homework or a reading in a class, write down the key concepts from the last day of class on a piece of paper. Investigate anything you did not remember when you review your notes.
5. Create outlines for the chapters of a text you are reading, pay attention to sequence and “arguments”.
6. SQ3R: Use this technique while reading-
   - SKIM the chapter
   - QUESTIONS- rewrite headings in the form of questions
   - READ the chapter
   - RECITE- answer the questions
   - REVIEW- your answers
7. Make an Accordion Study Guide*: for reviewing vocabulary or peoples, places or dates.
8. Everyday, review the last two days of notes prior to the start of class.
9. Illustrate your notes- go back and create pictures and diagram relationships in your notes
10. “Cross train” while you study. Change subjects, locations or methods every 20-30 minutes and schedule reasonable breaks.

*See the Student Success Office for examples.