

How to study a foreign language

Language learning is a highly cumulative process. It is like making a tower out of blocks: you keep building on top of what you did the day before. If you don't keep at the job steadily, pretty soon you're trying to put new blocks on top of empty space. Thus it is important to keep up with and learn what is being presented to you about a language day by day.

Tips on Studying a Foreign Language

1. **STUDY EVERY DAY.** A foreign language course is different from any other course you take. Language learning is cumulative: you cannot put it off until the weekend. Study 1 or 2 hours for every class hour if you want an A or B. Remember that to memorize and learn in another language takes more time. You will not have time to ask questions to the teacher if you wait until the last minute to study. Do not wait to study the day before the test, you will never be ready.
2. **DISTRIBUTE YOUR STUDY TIME**
3. **ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN CLASS WITHOUT FAIL**
4. **LEARN ENGLISH GRAMMAR IF YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW IT.**
5. **PRACTICE FOR TESTS**
6. **DEVELOP A GOOD ATTITUDE.**
7. **GET HELP IF YOU NEED IT.** Talk with your teacher & attend tutoring sessions at the library on the second floor in the Academic Success Center.

Useful links about the subject:

<http://www.omniglot.com/language/index.htm>

<http://how-to-learn-any-language.com/e/index.html>

<http://www.kuro5hin.org/story/2004/11/9/195744/646>

<http://www.language-learning-advisor.com/language-learning-tips.html>

Tutor Schedule Fall 2008

Place: Medford Library

Spanish Tutor: Jake Barrett

Monday: 8 -10 / 12:15 - 1

Tuesday: 8 - 9:15 / 12:15 - 1

Wednesday: 8 – 10 / 12:15 - 1

Thursday: 8 - 9:15 / 12:15 - 1 / 4 - 7:30

Friday: 8 - 10