

Tutoring Tips for Students

Making the Most of Your Tutor.com Session

✓ Remove distractions.

Set aside time and mental space to work with your tutor in a focused way.

✓ Arrive on time for scheduled sessions.

This will ensure you'll be able to connect with your chosen tutor.

✓ Decide how you prefer to communicate.

Would you rather text-chat (type) or use voice (audio) with your tutor?

✓ Be prepared to engage with your tutor.

A live session is an active experience in which your tutor will ask you questions and present opportunities for you to implement strategies with your tutor's guidance.

✓ Give your tutor a moment to read over the assignment and the course material.

Come prepared with the basics of your assignment, including your assignment directions, writing prompt, unit or chapter title, and other key details. The more information you can provide to your tutor at the beginning of the session, the quicker your tutor will be able to assess your needs and begin supporting you.

✓ Come with questions!

Review the material beforehand and make a list of specific questions you'd like to cover during your session.

✓ Think about how you need assistance with your assignment.

For example, do you need help:

- understanding the assignment instructions
- brainstorming/beginning assignments
- verifying your progress
- understanding specific concepts
- checking your work just before submission?

The more you can tell your tutor about your concerns, the better your tutor will be able to structure the session to meet your individual needs.

✓ Keep in mind that tutors are not affiliated with your school.

They do not usually have specific information pertaining to your courses. The more you can tell them about the assignment you're working on, the better they'll be able to target their help.

✓ Tutors do not have access to the answers for assignments.

While they won't provide you with answers, they'll do something even better—they'll guide you in how to solve problems yourself.

✓ Know when to ask your instructor.

If you have specific questions about grading/rubric, instructor preferences or expectations, how to turn in assignments, or other course-specific information, please talk with your instructor or Teaching Assistant before requesting assistance from your tutor.

✓ Pat yourself on the back.

Asking for help is brave. Kudos to you for getting the support you need to succeed!