

General Chemistry

FIRST SEMESTER REFLECTIONS

Now is a great time to look back on how the first semester in chemistry went.

- Did you do as well as you would have liked?
- What strategies worked well for you?
- What activities / behaviors did not help you succeed?
- What can you do to make second semester as good or better than first semester?

It is probably obvious that if your performance during first semester was not as good as you would have liked, **change is needed**. No change in study habits and strategies will most likely lead to **no improvement** in grades. If your first semester performance WAS great, keep doing what you were doing.

As you complete the chart below, consider the following study habits and behaviors: notetaking, going over notes, good attendance, making study cards, studying with friends, reading the textbook, buying a chemistry study guide*, studying a little bit each day, doing the worksheets yourself, understanding “why” rather than memorizing “what”.

List at least **four** things (study habits or behaviors) you did this semester that were helpful and useful for your learning:

List at least **three** study habits or behaviors from this semester that kept you from being as successful as you would like:

Make at least **two** goals for second semester that will help you succeed:

* A few choices from Amazon.com: “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Chemistry”, “Chemistry for Dummies”, and “Chemistry Made Simple”