Laptops do not enhance classroom learning, and in fact students would be better off leaving their laptops in the dorm during class.

References

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- Laptop note taking is less effective than longhand note taking for learning.

References

1. Attend every class.
2. Leave your cell phone and laptop/tablet in your backpack. Do not look at them during class.
3. Take notes by hand for every lecture.
   1. Remember that you have access to the slides and classroom capture, so there is no need to copy lectures verbatim (word-for-word).
   2. Instead, concentrate on processing the information you are given in class and rephrasing what you learned in your notes.
Within a day after each class, watch the classroom capture while referring to your notes.

1. See if your notes correctly summarized the class content. If not, rewrite your notes.
2. When you feel you do not understand part of the lecture, rewind the video and watch the hard part again.
3. When there is an example in the lecture, stop the video and do the example yourself before watching the video to see if you did the example correctly.

2. When you feel you need more help, use the forums in piazza or blackboard to ask questions.

3. Make use of instructor and TA office hours to ask questions you could not get answered otherwise.

4. Do all homeworks and turn them in on-time.