FIVE TIPS FOR BIG CLASS SURVIVAL

1. Introduce yourself to your Instructor/Professor.
   a. This helps him/her put a face to your name and personalize the class.
   b. Remember that teaching a large class has its disadvantages also and by taking the time to introduce yourself to your instructor, you are making their job easier, too!

2. Choose a seat wisely!
   a. Find a seat in the first few rows of the classroom.
   b. Choose a seat away from other distractions. These could be chatty friends, a doorway (with people coming and going during the class) or even a window.
   c. A seat near the front will assist you in staying engaged with the instructor during class. You will be able to hear and see him/her better and be more likely to stay involved in classroom discussions, in particular during question and answer sessions.

3. Concentrate.
   a. With 100 or more students in your class, you will have to focus on your instructor and the lecture if you are not going to be distracted by what other students might be doing. Even if others are texting or talking, concentrate hard and focus on the lecture.
   b. Take good notes. Review good note taking strategies.

4. Ask for help.
   a. Don’t hesitate to seek out your instructor either before or after class or during their schedule office hours.
   b. Utilize email to communicate with your instructor for less important issues or questions that you may have. In large classes, this will often be the preferred method your instructor will want to communicate.
   c. Seek out a person or group in the class with whom you can study and compare notes.

5. Go to class!
   a. Attend class every day.
   b. In large lecture classes without attendance policies, it can be tempting to skip class. In most lecture classes, tests are based on the lecture; it is very important to attend class each day and take notes.

Resources:
Note Taking Strategies: [http://www.txstate.edu/slac/studyskills/note.html](http://www.txstate.edu/slac/studyskills/note.html)