

# How To Survive Organic Chemistry!

## Words of wisdom from former Organic Chemistry Survivors

“Since everything builds on everything else – have a firm grip on how mechanisms work and the reactivity of atoms and molecules – you’ll be able to piece things together after that.”

“Keep up with the class material! Spend a minimum of two hours on organic chemistry every day, in a quiet place where you won’t be disturbed. Take this opportunity to update and review your lecture notes, preferably soon after class.”

“Join a weekly study group and work on the recommended problems at home as well as in the group.”

“Start a reaction and mechanism notebook.”

“Join a study group and meet at least once a week.”

“Plan time each week to be spent on lab, homework and studying.”

“Study and most importantly review you notes! Make a reaction notebook!”

“Do not procrastinate when studying for the exams! Start the week before the exam by reviewing lecture notes, text problems, and group worksheets. Make a list of questions and get answers to them during the week.

**ATTEND THE EXAM REVIEW SESSION!”**

“Take good lecture notes, study them, and go to group study sessions.”

“Make your reaction notebook right when you learn a reaction, and don’t fall behind in doing it. Don’t forget to include the mechanisms.”

“Go to lecture and do all the boosters.”

“Keep up with the text problems and constantly review the lecture material. A reaction notebook is helpful!”

“Join a study group! It takes some time out of your schedule, but it will dramatically help your grade and confidence with the material.”

“Do all the boosters because they really help prepare you for the tests. Go through your notes often.”

“Keep up! The class goes very quickly and it’s nearly impossible to catch-up if you fall behind.”

“Reading the chapter before going to lecture does so much good.”

“Study and practice the problems and meet regularly in study group, then they’ll do alright.”

“Do all the boosters to prepare for the tests, and study early so that you have time to ask questions. Don’t be afraid to go to his (Dr. Brush’s) office hours!”

# DON'T PANIC!