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So you're taking Accounting 200... now what?

A comprehensive list from the experts on passing one of the hardest classes at KU

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CHECKPOINT 1: WHAT IS ACCOUNTING 200?

- Accounting 200: Fundamentals of Financial Accounting
- 4 credit hours
- 290-450 students enrolled in any given semester
- Accounting is the language of business so business professionals need to understand the financial implications of their decisions

CHECKPOINT 2: PLAN OUT THE SEMESTER

- GO TO CLASS (Seriously, it was the No. 1 tip!)
- Schedule to study and develop a habit of going over notes often
- Read textbook and course materials before lecture so you can be familiar with them and can focus where you need it the most
- Commit time early on
- Go to all labs and all lectures

CHECKPOINT 3: STUDY EFFECTIVELY

- Hand write everything (Even class notes!)
- Do the problems without using the book, so that you can test how much you know and what you need to work on the most
- Know the basics really, really well
- Ask questions when you are confused
- Create a study guide for the final as you go

CHECKPOINT 4: ASK FOR HELP

- 25+ hours of Help Room a week
- 3+ office hours a week (Extra!)
- 2+ Supplemental Instruction Sessions a week
- Be engaged in lecture and lab
- University Tutors are available
- Work with others. Studying in groups is more effective when dedicating set times, focusing and working through problems

CHECKPOINT 5: SHOULD I DROP THE CLASS?

- It's never too late to start making use of the available resources
- Is it a required class? (If you're in the business school, then yes)
- Is it mathematically possible for you to pass?
- Instructors will reach out to you if they think you're in danger of failing and discuss options

CHECKPOINT 6: THE FINAL HURDLE

- Redo old labs, exams and course packet examples
- Start studying 2+ weeks before the test
- Work more at application of theory, not the theory itself
- Talk to your instructors (They want to see you succeed!)