HOW-TO: READING ASSIGNMENTS

FAMILIARIZE
Preview the table of contents, chapter titles and headings, appendices, graphics/charts, and index.

SPEED
Mileage may vary on reading speed! Take note of the average length of time for each assigned reading and use it to plan future study sessions.

VOCABULARY
Keep a dictionary or glossary on hand. Bold/italicized words are key terms, but there may be other unfamiliar words too. Understanding a concept may depend on understanding the words behind it.

COMPARE
Textbook readings often support lectures. Pre-reading the text can prepare you better for class; reviewing the text can help you organize your notes after. Study with text and lecture both for the best results.

GROUPS
Working in groups gives you the chance to review and discuss. One of the fastest learning methods is teaching others, so work together!