

How to stick to a daily schedule

Make a solid daily routine that you will stick to the entire semester

- 1. Divide the day into 3 big chunks- Morning. Lunchtime. Evening
- 2. Choose study chunks. Two chunks that you are planning to study in. The third chunk is for your personal life, hobbies, sports or work e.g. Morning chunk: work and sport, Lunchtime & Evening chunk studying (e.g. Synchronous and asynchronous learning)
- 3. **Set a time for beginning and ending the day** Decide a fixed time for starting the day and for ending it (e.g. 8:00 Am and 23:30 Pm)
- 4. Chunk limits. Decide what time every chunk will start and end (e.g. morning chunk 9:00-13:00)
- 5. Schedule a set time for lunch. That will help you stick to a routine and divide your day (e.g. 'before lunch and after lunch')
- 6. **Essentials. Your daily routine must include** physical activity, outdoor activity (e.g. walk/Errands/meeting family or friends in the park) and social time.
- 7. Charge your battery daily. It is essential to plan recharging times in your daily routine.
- 8. Reward yourself for achievements. Don't punish yourself (it doesn't help) instead practice 'coming back' to your daily schedule after a setback.
- 9. Practice taking breaks Do not skip them because you are afraid of not 'coming back' to studying. Breaks are essential for processing and understanding. Avoid distractions that could prolong your break.
- 10. Take a day off once a week or if you can after a big deadline. Plan what to do on your day off that can help you stay motivated