

The table below represents some of the ways our learning skills, styles, and preferences may be categorized. This information is limited and will only provide a starting point for understanding how you learn best.

As you evaluate yourself, remember... there is no one <u>best</u> way to learn! As unique individuals, we all have different personalities as well as learning styles and preferences. Throughout our lives, we must adapt to a wide range of learning situations-- and it is highly unlikely that our strengths will always match the demands of the situation. So the trick is to build on our strengths while developing other strategies and skills that will broaden our abilities.

Print this assessment and evaluate yourself. Then go to the table on <u>Strategies to Strengthen Your Learning Skills</u> for information on how to improve your learning potential.

You may want to consider enrolling in the <u>Study Skills</u> course offered by the college to get more detailed information and assistance. Or you can check out some of the <u>assessments</u> available on the internet.

Skill/Preference	Evaluation of Ability/Strength in Area:			
	Low	Medium	High	
Study Skills: How would you rate yourself in the following yourself low might be topics of this web site you will wan study skills course to develop these skills.				
Managing your time and study environment				
Reading textbooks				
Taking class notes				
Using information resources (library, internet, etc.)				
Writing papers/completing projects				
Preparing for and taking exams				
Learning Style: The categories below represent ways that "style" by determining how you learn best in <u>most</u> classrothese areas, you should consider ways to develop "other" sexpertise!	om situations.	Regardless of how	you rate in	
Visual: You learn best by "seeing" the concepts				
diagrams, flowcharts, time lines, films, and demonstrations.				
Verbal: You learn best from reading, hearing spoken				
words, participating in discussion and explaining things				
to others				
Active/Tactile: You need to experience learning by				
"doing" or by getting personally involved.				
Reflective: You need time to reflect on new information				
on your own and at your own pace.				

Factual/Linear: You prefer information to be concrete, specific facts and data. You find it easiest to learn material presented step by step in a logical, ordered progression.			
Theoretical/Global: You are most comfortable with "big-picture" ideas, symbols, and concepts. You need to see the whole picture before details make sense to you. You easily "get" the patterns and relationships between ideas.			
Preferences: Considering these areas of preference will should study for best results.	help you to deter	mine where and	when yo
Persistence: This indicates your willingness to stick with a task even when you are uncomfortable or tired.			
Verbal risk: This indicates your willingness to speak up in class, even when you are nervous about doing so.			
<i>Time:</i> The time of day when you perform best: morning (low), afternoon (med.), or evening (high).			
<i>Grouping:</i> Low would indicate your preference to learn or work individually; medium, in small groups; high, in large groups			
<i>Mobility:</i> Indicates your (low, medium, or high) need to move around and take breaks.			
Sound: Are you need to study in areas where sound is low, medium, or high?			
<i>Lighting:</i> Do you prefer low, medium or high amounts of light while reading or performing other study skills?			
<i>Temperature:</i> Do you prefer a cool (low), medium, or warm (high) temperature?			