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What will comprehending your syllabus help you learn about your instructor and course?
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- Course requirements.
- Learning objectives.
- Class grade.
- Important dates.
- Instructor’s contact information and office location.

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What are some of the most important dates you can find in your syllabus?
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- Due dates and exam dates.
  - Record exam dates in a calendar.
  - Note due dates to prepare in advance.
  - Connect due dates to course content.
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What are students who have studied their syllabus able to do for each of their classes?
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• Come to class prepared for the material to be covered that day.
• Find answers to class procedure questions even when they’re away from class.
• Calculate their course grade at any time.

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How can your syllabus help you find resources outside of your classroom?

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• The syllabus may include information on academic and student support resources.
• It may also list times and locations of tutoring centers on campus.
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Visit the It’s POSSIBLE at BC, Habits of Mind website for practice activities on effective understanding your class syllabus.

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