

McGraw During Virtual Instruction, Fall 2020

At the [McGraw Center](#) our goal is to help you take full advantage of the academic opportunities available at **Princeton** while also maintaining balance and achieving your goals. We think hard about what is new and unfamiliar to students in these extraordinary circumstances as you transition into and through **Princeton** course work and independent work. In each course (and independent work) you encounter new demands and expectations, new ways of teaching and new standards and criteria. We offer completely **cost-free** services and programs that will equip you to master the inevitable [challenges](#), attain your personal goals, and achieve success so that you truly **THRIVE** here. To learn more about when and why you might want to use our services, check out our guide for students, made in an engaging [comic](#) format. Under these extraordinary circumstances, it's even more important that you engage the resources available so **McGraw** has expanded our offerings for you to meet the demands of [virtual learning](#).

WHERE DO I START & WHAT'S NEW @ MCGRAW?

Learn about what McGraw is offering this fall by reviewing this page, clicking on links and exploring our website. We have ALL the services we've offered in past years, though of course they are online: learning consultations, tutoring, workshops as well as s Principedia and online resources (see the links below). New services include:

- [Virtual Learning Guide](#)
- Course-specific [Study Groups & Jumpstarts](#) [Workshop Recordings](#)
- Online [Resources](#) & [Principedia](#)

WHY USE MCGRAW?

In Princeton's distinctive academic environment, with new expectations around reading, learning in class, p-sets, assignments and papers, you'll experience new demands requiring new strategies and methods. You might find yourself asking, "How do I...?"

[How do I manage my time and academic tasks effectively?](#)

[How do I handle these big reading loads?](#)

[How do I ensure I learn from P-sets what I need for exams?](#)

[How do I keep up with the fast pace of my lectures and classes?](#)

[How do I tackle problem sets and other assignments efficiently?](#)

[How am I expected to participate in precepts?](#)

[How do I make the most of Princeton resources, including tutoring, etc.?](#)

[How do I structure my time and stay engaged when learning online and studying on my own?](#)

[How do I adapt my approach when it doesn't seem to be working?](#)

[How will exams be different and how do I prepare for them?](#)

[How do I plan for Dean's Date and Finals Period?](#)

All of us are experiencing new courses, independent work and a new virtual teaching-learning culture at **Princeton**, so these questions are to be expected. At **McGraw** we pride ourselves on breaking down the many unfamiliar, often invisible expectations with you and guiding you toward new **Princeton-specific** strategies and techniques to help you answer these and other questions—and implement the answers. At **McGraw** you will receive personalized, **Princeton-specific** advice on methods of learning, time and task management, overcoming procrastination, and tackling assignments, among other things. When you find yourself thinking, "How do I...?" know that **McGraw** is here for you.

WHAT DOES MCGRAW OFFER?

You can use all of these **effective, cost-free, unlimited** services designed for all students:

- [One-to-One Learning Strategy Consultations](#) (academic coaching)
80+ appointments each week, 9am-10pm (EDT) and by appointment
- [Academic Strategy Workshops](#)
Offered weekly: Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons
- [Study Hall Group Tutoring](#)
Drop-in Sundays-Thursdays at various times for: *CHM 201, CHM 207, CHM 301, ECO 100, ECO 101, ECO 202, EGR 151, EGR 152, MAT 103, MAT 104, MAT 175, MAT 201, MAT 202, MOL 214, ORF 245, PHY 101, PHY 103, POL 345, R-Programming*
- [Individual Tutoring](#)
By-appointment for: *CHM 201, CHM 207, CHM 301, ECO 100, ECO 101, ECO 202, EGR 151, EGR 152, MAT 104, MAT 175, MAT 201, MAT 202, MOL 214, ORF 245, PHY 101, PHY 103, POL 345, R-Programming*
- [Course-Specific Study Groups & Course Jumpstarts](#)
Over 25 courses, and scores of study groups meeting at various times
- [Principedia](#) (Like Wikipedia, but about succeeding in Princeton courses.)
- [Resources, Handouts & Advice](#)
Materials to support development of new approaches to academics
- Visit our [Virtual McGraw Preview](#) to see **video** introductions to these programs and more. All these individualized and small group services are supportive, effective, and fun.

HOW DO I USE MCGRAW SERVICES?

All **McGraw** services are offered virtually in Fall 2020. Some services, like Study Hall Group Tutoring, you can just **drop in** during the many hours its offered, and Principedia and other resources are always available online. Other services, like learning consultations, workshops and Individual Tutoring, you sign up using our online scheduling system. In fact, you can sign up for [individual tutoring](#), [workshops](#) and [learning consultations](#) right now! (If you have difficulties, email mcgugrad@princeton.edu and we'll help you out.)

In addition to **McGraw's website**, look for our weekly email newsletter, [LearnPrinceton](#), and regular flyers. You'll learn about upcoming workshops, learning consultations, tutoring and other programs. To automatically receive up-to-date information, subscribe to **McGraw's events calendar**.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

The **McGraw Center** regularly receives as many as **10,000 visits** each year from **Princeton** undergrads and **well over half** of the class of 2023 worked with tutors and learning consultants and attended workshops. Nearly **20%** of first-year students get academic coaching (learning consultations) at **McGraw** and the average effectiveness rating last year was **over 94%**.

Additionally, literally **99%** of students said they would recommend the workshops they attended. Your fellow **Princeton** students said this about their experiences with **McGraw** services:

- *"Our **learning consultation** was super helpful, informative, and fun. I'm sure what I learned will help me not only this semester, but also for a long time from now."*
- *"This **workshop** makes you much more self-aware--the reason you procrastinate is not always what you think."*
- *"McGraw's **online resources** helped me to organize the many parts of my project and to articulate my thoughts both visually and verbally."*
- *"In my **consultation**, not only did I learn some extremely effective strategies which I am already using, I also found it very helpful to be able to talk and brainstorm freely."*
- *"**Principedia** is amazing! I used it to choose courses, figure out how to learn from lectures and prepare for the final."*
- *"I don't think I could have learned as much or got the grade I did without McGraw"*
- **tutoring—THANKS!**

Come to **McGraw** to connect with your peers, get personalized guidance to learn the skills and strategies to succeed in your classes and have time to take advantage of the many opportunities **Princeton** has to offer while maintaining balance in your life. We're here for you; we're here to help you thrive even under these unprecedented circumstances!