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- You can skim through it, just read the part that looks important, and read the captions for pictures if it looks interesting.
- you can also take those classes with other easy classes.
- when there's so much reading, you usually don't get all the materials out of it in exam.

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- If you are assigned a reading, read it after you discuss it in class. That way you can skip over the information you didn't discuss in class, and have time for your other homework.
- outline the chapter, don't read the whole chapter. if they are learning objectives, look at those and read information relating to them.

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What I do is read Sparknotes.com for books that I know I couldn't finish w/ even start. for a class where I know what I need to do for it in advance, I'll break down the reading - 30 minutes a day. Everyone has that time.

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Skimming through the text... highlighting key points,  
Annotating. Being consistent with reading daily (even on weekends)  
so it doesn't pile up over time. (Coffee!)  
Use the first two weeks of class to see how the professor  
uses the readings.

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Start doing the work and if there is  
something you don't understand, go back and  
look for it in the reading.

Also, take notes in class. Usually the lecture  
is the same as the outside reading.

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- 1- Sometimes skipping class to finish a paper or homework,
- 2- Work on the homework and figure out if it requires you to read and if it doesn't, don't read the assigned section.
- 3- Use spark notes to help w/ the reading so you only read what you don't understand.

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1) skim <sup>some</sup> ~~all~~ readings. Attend ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> all lectures & take notes.

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- SKIM SECTIONS FOR THE MAIN POINTS OF AN ARTICLE
- USE THE EXPLANATIONS IN SPANISH ON THE SIDE OF THE BOOK FOR EXAMPLE THE "Así se dice" SECTIONS IN VISTAZOS
- AVOID READING OFF TOPIC ILLUSTRATIONS
- READ THE END-SUMMARY OF EACH CHAPTER FOR HINTS OF IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE CHAPTER
- ONLY READ/STUDY FOR 2 HOURS STRAIGHT, NO MORE.
- TAKE FREQUENT STUDY BREAKS

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- don't get behind or procrastinate
- look ahead to see when assignments, projects, or papers are due.
- understand requirements so you do the assignment correctly the first time
- be well organized

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Don't read all of the material. Much of it isn't important for tests. The important thing is to understand main ideas & be able to apply them.

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I try to make sure I have what I need to read with me all the time so when I get a minute I can read more. Sometimes if you read the introduction, each topic sentence, and the conclusion, you can get an idea of what something is about (if it is well-written). Some times I just don't read at all. If there is a discussion, pick out what the important points are & go back to skim the reading.

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1. Don't read entire chapter, just intro, summary & key terms
2. Read every chance you get
3. Keep papers very specific so you don't have to know as much
4. Look up cliffnotes online
5. Watch the movie if its its really similar to the book

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If you have a lot of work to do someone should make a list of everything they have to do, then make a schedule showing how much time you can spend on each item so that you complete it well enough to understand the material. It may require staying up later, or waking up earlier, but usually a time schedule will help keep you on track <sup>by the amount of</sup> <sub>time you are spending.</sub>

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When I have a reading intensive class that is an overwhelming amount of work I never read all the materials. I look for the general ideas and maybe look up any topics they discuss in class. Also, you can search for cliff notes online.

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When I am overwhelmed with things to do, I normally make a "to-do" list & have each thing to do have a certain time period. Sometimes I have to stay up very late doing things, but usually get through it.

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reading sparknotes or other cliffnotes is a good idea when it comes to an impossible amount of reading, also briefly going over the words can give you a good idea of what the text is about

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If they are handouts just briefly read them before class because you will discuss them. Skim all readings & spread out writing daily. Also you could use spark notes that will give you the summary of the book