

Determining Your Approach to Learning

Sequential learners tend to...

- Learn information step-by-step, with each step building on the previous one.
- Follow logical step-by-step paths in finding solutions.
- Follow detailed plans and schedules for taking courses and studying.

Global learners tend to...

- Learn in large jumps, learning material almost randomly without seeing connections, and then suddenly "getting it."
- Be able to solve complex problems quickly or put things together once they have grasped the big picture, but they may have difficulty explaining how they did it.
- Organize information in chunks, using no particular order.
- See connections between new material and things they already know.

Strategies for orienting to a new learning environment:

Sequential Learning Strategies

- Follow a sequential course path.
- Use an outline format to take notes.

Global Learning Strategies

- Review the course map, as well as titles, introductions, and learning objectives before beginning a course.
- Use the course map as a foundation to take notes and record connections between concepts.