

24-311 students,

I have noticed that class attendance has been low, especially on Tuesdays. Some of you may feel that you don't need to come to class, but I believe that it is more time-efficient if you come to class and learn the key points of the material than studying the material by yourself by reading the textbook.

I returned the graded Quiz 1 papers on Tuesday this week, but about a quarter of the students did not pick up their papers. Assuming that these students did not come to class on that day, I compared the Quiz 1 performance of the two groups of students, (1) students who came to class on Tuesday, and (2) students who did NOT come to class on Tuesday.

As you can see from the chart below, the second group's average is 10 points (one letter grade) lower than the first group. Of course, this is just one data point, but I thought that I should show you this statistic to encourage all of you to come to class.

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