How to get an “A” from a course:

A student who gets an “A” grade will typically focus on the material in the course, more than on the marks it's worth.
How to get a “C” from a course:

These students typically focus on the value of assigned course work and then decide what to work on next. Their habits are commonly described as “firefighting”. While this method appears to be the most efficient, the rush-to-submit often decreases the learning value significantly for the time spent.
How to get an “F” from a course:

These students are rarely in Class and count on others to keep them up to date. They typically measure their performance by asking other students how they are doing and are often heard to say things like “I can always ride the bell”, “they can’t fail us all”, I don’t need to go to lectures” and “It’s OK, I took this course before”. 

START
buy notes.

Go to lecture, take some notes.

is assignment due? yes
read notes and do problems

no

try assignment

does your answer match others?

no

ask instructor to help solve problem

yes

Is exam soon?

no

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yes
read notes and do old exam probs

ask instructor to help solve problem

are there any areas of low confidence?

yes

write exam

no