

Exam Study Tips

CSc 227 — McCann

Study Suggestions

1. NEVER ASSUME! (STUDY IT ALL!)
2. SUMMARIZE YOUR LECTURE NOTES
3. PRACTICE³ (WORK PROBLEMS, WRITE CODE – ON PAPER!)
4. REVIEW PAST ASSIGNMENTS – “WHY DID I LOSE POINTS?”
5. CONSIDER FORMING A STUDY GROUP

[HTTP://WWW.UIC.EDU/DEPTS/ACE/STUDY_GROUPS.SHTML](http://www.uic.edu/depts/ace/study_groups.shtml)

6. EXPLAIN MATERIAL TO OTHERS; YOU’LL NEED TO EXPLAIN IT TO US
7. PLAY *Write the Exam*
8. THINK ABOUT EXTENDING THE IDEA

Before the Exam

1. MAKE CERTAIN YOU WAKE UP ON TIME
2. SLEEP WELL AND EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST
3. BRING MULTIPLE WRITING UTENSILS

During the Exam

1. BE CONFIDENT; ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
2. BEGIN BY SKIMMING THE EXAM – SEE WHAT’S AHEAD
3. READ THE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY; ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ASKED
4. WRITE LEGIBLE, CONVINCING, OBVIOUSLY CORRECT ANSWERS
5. GIVE YOUR ‘INNER NOVELIST’ THE DAY OFF
6. SHOW YOUR WORK (WHERE APPROPRIATE)
7. TRY TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION
8. DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR ANSWERS (IF YOU HAVE TIME)

Be Aware

1. ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED (NO PHONES, CALCULATORS, MP3 PLAYERS, ETC.)
2. STUDENTS THINK I WRITE LONG (BUT FAIR) EXAMS
3. YOU MIGHT SEE OPINION QUESTIONS; SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER WELL
4. WE TAKE A DIM VIEW OF DISHONEST BEHAVIORS