

Suggestions on Studying For and Taking Exams

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Exam Study Tips

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

[HTTP://WWW.UIC.EDU/DEPTS/COUNSELCTR/ACE/STUDYGROUP.HTM](http://www.uic.edu/depts/counselctr/ace/studygroup.htm)

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

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
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
7. TRY TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION
8. DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

Be Aware

1. ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED
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