

Midterm & Final Exam Prep

Note Taking

- Be sure to compile all notes from the semester, including textbook notes.
- Make study guides or outlines with the information and condense it to what will be covered on the exam.
- Make sure any questions you had written in the margins are answered! It is important to clear up concepts that seemed confusing in class.
- Compare your final set of notes with a reliable friend. Are they different? Are there any big ideas you are missing that you could add?

Study Skills

- Find an environment that you will be able to focus in and that fits your individual studying preferences.
- Bring with you a study pack containing all the materials you need to effectively study.
- Maintain good health by regulating your diet and sleep schedule and keeping hydrated in order to keep your mind and body able to study effectively.
- Form a study group to delegate studying and bounce around ideas.
- Utilize apps on your phone or programs on your computer that can help you study such as Quizlet or SelfControl

Reading Comprehension

- Set out the materials you need in a place in which you can focus and plan out what you want to study.
- Actively read by underling, highlighting and righting notes in the margins. Make connections between the text and things that will help you retain the information.
- Underline in a way that makes sense to you and be consistent. Try not to excessively underline and only underline things that will make looking back on the text easier.

Test Taking

- Complete any study guides your professors provide you with, and attend any review sessions.
- Make yourself familiar with the format of the exams— is it strictly multiple choice? Short answer? Or a combination of multiple choice, short answer, and essay?
- Identify whether each exam is cumulative. Some professors will test you only on the most recent material rather than everything up to this point.
- Review your old tests, and not just the questions you answered incorrectly.
- Pay attention to where the exam is, and the location. Be sure to arrive early.
- Get a good nights sleep! Staying up all night to study may seem worth it at the time, but your best bet is to go to the exam with a rested, clear mind.

Time Management

- Write down the dates and times of each of your midterms or finals so you know exactly how long you have to study for them.
- Study for your exams in the order you are going to take them until you feel confident about the material.
- It's possible to have a midterm or final in every class. You should start preparing early enough that you have time to fully review all of the material in each of your classes.
- Don't wait for the last minute to start studying for your exams. Many midterms and finals are cumulative and usually take more than one day to review all of the material.

Wrap- Up

- Think about what you have learned throughout the course and apply it to prepping for midterms and final exams
- Try new things! The internet is a great resource for more study tips
- Don't forget about services offered on campus to help you do well
 - ASAP Tutoring
 - Professor office hours
 - SI (Supplemental Instruction)