

Exam Study Tips

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General Suggestions

1. NEVER ASSUME! (STUDY IT ALL, INCLUDING DEFINITIONS)
2. SUMMARIZE YOUR LECTURE NOTES (WHAT ARE THE KEY DETAILS?)
3. PRACTICE³ (WORK PROBLEMS — PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!)
4. REVIEW PAST ASSIGNMENTS (“WHY DID I LOSE POINTS?”)
5. CONSIDER FORMING A STUDY GROUP
SEE: [HTTPS://SCIENCE.UBC.CA/STUDENTS/BLOG/STUDY-GROUPS](https://science.ubc.ca/students/blog/study-groups)
6. EXPLAIN MATERIAL TO OTHERS (IF YOU CAN, YOU KNOW IT WELL!)
7. PLAY “*Write the Exam*” AND “*Write the Answers*”
8. THINK ABOUT EXTENDING THE IDEA (TRY TO APPLY THE TOPIC ELSEWHERE)

Before the Exam

1. MAKE CERTAIN YOU WAKE UP ON TIME
2. SLEEP WELL AND EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST / LUNCH (FEED YOUR BRAIN!)
3. BRING MULTIPLE PENCILS AND A GOOD ERASER (AND A SHARPENER?)

During the Exam

1. BE CONFIDENT; ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE (EASY IF YOU STUDIED WELL!)
2. BEGIN BY READING THE DIRECTIONS AND 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 (WRITE FOCUSED ANSWERS)
6. SHOW YOUR WORK (FOR POSSIBLE PARTIAL CREDIT)
7. TRY TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION
8. FINISHED EARLY? DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR ANSWERS!

Be Aware

1. ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PHONES, CALCULATORS, EARBUDS, . . .) 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