

Study Tips

*The most important thing is to know that everyone studies differently and it is important to figure out what way is best for you. My tips may work for some but not for others so please keep this in mind.

*I always make flash cards. I have found them to be very helpful to me. Remember this is a VERY time consuming task but if it is helpful to you then it worth it. It can take me over 12 hours to write out these cards. For some of my friends making flashcards would be a waste of time, but if you have never tried them it might be useful to try them out once to see if they could be useful to you.

*Flashcards are helpful because you see the information, you write the information, and you visualize the information. This causes your brain to make more connections to process this information into comprehension and storage. Also by writing these cards out you form connections between the information. Sometimes the professor's notes have pertinent information on different slides so now you are able to see how the information applies to each other.

*Flashcards allow you to realize what you know and what you don't know. This is because you are able to go through your cards and eventually skip the ones you know and focus on the ones you don't know.

*Study groups are great. This is because people can compensate for each other. Usually in a group someone may know a topic better than others and they can help each other out.

*It is also good to say the information out loud. If you can talk out complex information out loud it forms connections in your brain (speaking and hearing) that help to ensure comprehension and memorization.

*In your study group everyone can try acting like a teacher and try to lecture to the group. This helps the "teacher" because they understand the information and also helps the "students" because they get to hear the information in a different way and this can also help them out. It can also help the "teacher" because the "students" can correct them if they explain something wrong and this ensures the "teacher" truly understands the information.

*Always give yourself enough time to study. Some people need to study everyday and others are able to do it last minute. It is not recommended to procrastinate because most of the time you find yourself running out of time.

*Cramming is not good for many people but some can do it and still get by. Those who cram and still get by probably would have done better and gotten a higher score if they studied ahead of time.

*Specifically for Professor Huang's class: she gives you a study guide with questions on it that will be on the test. This means she basically gives us easy points. You should fill that out and remember it because it is silly not to get most or all of these points.

*ALWAYS fill out the reviews for each chapter. This is the most pertinent information from each chapter and consolidates the information in a way that is different from the notes. This is the first thing to study if you are unable to focus on notes.

*Do not over study. For me this means I don't really study the book. Almost all of the information on the tests can be found in her notes and any papers she gives us to print out and do. I only ever use the book to fill out the chapter study guides and to help me with complex information I do not understand from her notes alone. Other than that studying

the book is overkill because it gives us information we do not necessarily need for her tests.

Test Taking Tips

*This is what I do for every test: Once I get the test in my hands I write down anything I think I might forget. This includes graphs and charts and other information. I fill in the written portion because these should be easy points. I don't touch my scantron. I circle my answers in the test package, put question marks next to the questions I have no clue to, and put dots next to answers I am not completely sure about. Then I go over my test again with the scantron. This is when I catch any mistakes I made with answering, bubble in the answers I know, make connections between questions, and decide if I answer according to my gut instinct. I look over any questions I am completely unsure about one last time, then I make sure I filled in ALL questions, and have the correct version number written and my name on the scantron and I turn it in right away.

*If you are taking a test and you can write on the test, quickly write down any information you remember but think you might forget.

*Answer all the questions you know and skip the ones that are giving you trouble. Do this because you don't want to get frustrated with one question when there are others you can probably answer quickly. If you get frustrated this can cause you to forget information you studied or upset you so you can't recall information you know. Just remember you can always go back to answer these skipped questions later.

*Sometimes questions that appear later on in the test are pertinent to previous questions. Make note of this to be sure your answers are logical to both.

*If I have absolutely no idea what an answer is I put a dot next to what my gut says. You could be surprised how much your instincts know. I am lucky that sometimes my gut knows what right when even my brain doesn't.

*Do not go over your answers too many times. I have never gone over a question more than three times and usually only go over them twice. The more you go over your answers the more you second guess yourself and there is a good chance you can change a correct answer.