

Studying for Exams

The few weeks before examinations are especially busy. You must not only meet the requirements of daily homework, study, and term assignments but also begin an in-depth study of all the work taken in the term.

Usually it is best to have a separate study schedule for the three or four weeks prior to exams. Here are some ideas on how to organize your examination study schedule.

- Divide your time according to the number of subjects and the day each subject is written. Allow more time for weaker subjects.
- Mark in dates, times and rooms for each exam. This will help you determine which subject to study first and which to study last.
- Most students find it better to “study in reverse”; that is, study for their last exams first and their first exams last.
- Be flexible, because sometimes teachers will schedule tests a few days before exams. Be prepared to switch your study times if necessary.

Study Tips:

1. Organize. Know the amount of material to be covered by each exam.
2. Prepare a short, point form summary for each subject. These could be put on index cards for easy reference.
3. Use memory aids.
4. Make effective use of your reading time.
5. See what you know about each subject by asking yourself questions about the main topics covered during the term.
6. If you have maintained a study schedule throughout the term, you should need to complete only your summary of notes and text materials prior to the examination itself.