

Organization

Final Exam Prep

3 Weeks Before Finals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● If you need a tutor, make an appointment in Penji<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tutoring ends about a week before finals start○ Make an appointment now so you have it; you can always cancel if you don't need it● Review Class Syllabi<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Course goals/outcomes will help you determine what to focus on● Find out what type of exam will be given & what it's worth<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cumulative v. Unit v. Chapter Test○ Multiple choice, essay, short answer, etc.○ Value of the exam in relation to your overall grade – 20% of your grade? Part of total points?● Create a study schedule that starts about 2 weeks out<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Start with each session being for a specific thing○ Cumulative exam - each study session should be for a chapter○ Unit/Chapter exam - each study session should be about a chapter or topic
2 Weeks Before	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Find a place conducive to your studying● Study something every day<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reviewing your notes each day during non-exam times will help you retain info○ Study for no more than one hour per day● Focus on what you don't know<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Find answers/explanations from your textbook, class notes, tutors, or your instructor● Create or find study tools to mimic the type of exam questions being asked.● Mix it up! Too much of one type of studying will get old & reduce retention<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ See other Study Strategy handouts for new study techniques● Don't cram<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cramming for a test is not an effective way to study○ It will affect your grade negatively
1 Week Before	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continue with the plan and items from the Two Weeks Before Finals section● Start ramping up the length of study sessions – don't exceed 2 hours on 1 topic
Day Before and of Final	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Get Sleep & Eat Breakfast – skipping either will affect your performance● Get to the exam early<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Arriving 15-20 minutes before the exam will give you time to do a final review of your notes● Make sure you have all documents you need for your exam<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ I.e. open-note exam: check you have your notes○ Early arrival means you can check that you have everything & can go get it if you don't● Ask questions if you have questions● Maximize your time<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Answer the questions you know first○ Multiple choice exams can be approached 2 ways<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You can weed out answers you know aren't correct and choose from what is left■ You can read the question and think of the answer first, then look for your answer○ Answer the questions you THINK you know, next○ Work on answering the questions you don't know last<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Always answer: partial answers = some credit; no answer = no credit■ Remember you need to rack up points to get a good grade● Go with your gut<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Only change an answer if you are certain you chose or answered wrong