

# General Exam Tips

## Before the Exam

### Start studying right away

Exams are less stressful if you prepare earlier. Consider re-reading your notes after class, making cue cards, doing the practice assignments, writing out important terms, or adding to a study sheet throughout the term.

### Self-Test

Assess what you know. Try practicing sample questions, anticipating questions that you'll be asked, or writing out a sample outline. If you think of what might be asked, you'll be better prepared for questions on the exam.

## During the Exam

### Preview the exam

Before you start writing, take 5 minutes and read the whole exam. Take note of the questions, how much each is worth, and where you'd like to start.

### Read questions carefully

Pay attention to the instructions your professor has provided. One of the easiest ways to get an answer wrong is to answer a different question than the one being asked.

### Write in any order

Answer what you're most confident with first and then work your way through the exam. Just be sure to clearly indicate the question you're answering in the exam booklet.

### Plan your time

Take note of how much questions are worth and any recommendations about how long something should take you to answer. Don't spend all your time on a section that's only worth a few marks.

### Complete the whole exam

Answer all of the required questions. You don't want to lose out on any marks because you forgot to answer a section. Always remember that partial marks are better than no marks.

## After the Exam

### Celebrate when you're done!

You did it! You've gone over the material, written the exam, and now you deserve to recognize your accomplishments.