

How to be Well Prepared for an Exam

Confused after class? Ask for help!

- Ask a TA or your professor for help if you have questions after a lecture or about an assignment
- Concepts build off each other so it is important you understand the course content before learning more



Use a variety of study strategies

- Study in groups
- Predict exam questions—identify areas your professor spent a lot of time discussing. What might they ask to test your knowledge in this area?
- Create charts, tables
- Test yourself as you study
- Teach the material to someone else—this is a great way for you to learn!

Regularly review your notes

- Class notes will help identify important themes and concepts that will likely be a large part of an exam
- Try to fill in missing sections of your notes as soon as possible after class
- Regularly review your notes. This will help the material enter your long-term memory

Identify concepts you do not understand

- As you study, make a list of theories, concepts, or other course content you do not know well
- Ask a TA, your professor, or classmate to help explain these concepts again

Make a study plan

- If you're behind, focus on material that was most focused on in class
- Break material down into manageable study sections

