

Studying for Final Exams

Studying efficiently requires organization of time and resources. Ideally, you should begin studying about 4 weeks before your exams. You can pick up a Weekly Schedule from CWL and use it to organize the time remaining before finals. The following points are a general set of guidelines to help you prepare for exams.

Organize the Subjects You Need to Study

Do this by gathering together all your class notes and required readings for each course. Once you have organized all your material, you are ready to choose which topics you need to study for the exam.

Essay Exams

Find out how many questions you have to answer. If, for example, you have to answer 4 questions, choose and study 4 in detail and 1 extra as a backup topic.

Multiple Choice/ Short Answer Exams

Multiple Choice exams will usually only cover what has been discussed in classes and assigned as reading. Use the course outline as a framework for study. Look for the main ideas and concepts and then find details to support them. Use Flash Cards to help you memorize the information. On small cards write down definitions, main ideas and details. You can carry them with you and study them when you have spare time.

Draw up a Study Planner

Blank out the times when you are at class, sports, or working. Are you more alert in the morning or evening? Schedule study times that suit your personal rhythms.

Prioritize the Hardest Subjects



Set Study Periods