

# **MAKE THE GRADE!**

## Test Tips Before, During, and After the Test

### **BEFORE:**

- Start to Prepare for the Test as Soon as Test Date is Announced
- Make a ***Study Plan***\*—Make a List of All Material, and Break It Down Into Small, Daily Tasks
  - Study **Actively**: Make Study Guides, Flashcards, Form a Study Group, etc.
  - Get a Full Night of Sleep the Night Before the Test—‘All-Nighters’ Just Make You Tired and Less Focused
    - Eat Normal Meals, Exercise, Take Breaks while Preparing for Test

### **DURING:**

- Get to Classroom Early to Claim your Spot
  - Don’t Try to ‘Swap Knowledge’ with Classmates until the Last Minute
- Gain Confidence By Answering a Few Easy Questions First
  - Take as Much Time as You Are Allowed

### **AFTER:**

- Analyze Test: Why Were There Better Answer Choices?
  - Meet with Professor to Get Help with Problem Areas
- Don’t Make the Same Mistakes Twice—Figure out How to Study Smarter Before the Next Test

--adapted from the Academic Skills Center at California Polytechnic State University

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