

TIPS FOR OBJECTIVE TESTS!

PREPARING FOR TESTS:

- Study facts and details—use flashcards, word lists, mnemonic devices
- Use your notes/close your notes—make yourself RECALL the info
- Use online resources from text, review questions to test yourself
- If possible, study from old tests
- Find ways to APPLY info: when using flashcards/notecards, ask yourself the following questions: “What is the relationship between ____ and ____?” “What does _____ have to do with _____?” “How are ____ and _____ the same/different?” “What is the opposite of _____?” “What are the characteristics of ____ and _____?”
- Study for small amounts of time
- Study with a friend who is doing well in the class, or request a tutor

TAKING OBJECTIVE TESTS:

- Get there early and claim your spot!
- Quit studying 15 minutes before the test!
- ‘Mind Dump’ any info you might need during the test
- ‘Personalize’ the test: Read directions for each section. Decide which you will do first and last. Assign times to each section. Separate questions into 3 categories: 1) Know 2) Pretty Sure 3) No Clue.
- Do 1 first: DO NOT CHANGE THESE ANSWERS!!
- On 2, cross off answers that you know are wrong. If you still don’t know the answer, save it for later.
- On 3, cover up the answers, and read the question or statement using your own words. Answer or complete it without looking at the answer choices. Then go through the answers one by one to see which one most closely fits
- Save time at the end of the test to do the ones you skipped. Use the info in other questions to trigger your memory.
- Always correct old tests so you don’t make the same mistakes twice, and so you learn the types of questions your professor uses.
- If possible, have notes open while going over test so you can see what you are missing when you are studying.

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