

TIPS: HOW TO PREPARE FOR A COLLEGE TEST

Here are some suggestions for how to prepare for a college test:

MAKE FLASHCARDS

Try to make your flashcards throughout the semester, instead of right before an exam. If you make them as you go, you are consistently reviewing your information throughout the semester.

PICK A GOOD PLACE TO STUDY

Make sure you study in a place free of distractions! If you can't concentrate, you won't be able to focus on the material you need to study.

DRAW A PICTURE

If you need to study a specific process, such as the water cycle, the best way to do this is to draw a diagram. By visually seeing a picture of a process, and reading about it, you will be more likely to retain the information.

USE A STUDY GROUP

This technique will only work if you pick serious people to study with. Come up with specific content you want to cover during a group session and don't get distracted!

TAKE GOOD NOTES

Your notes will help you review and study for tests. The key to doing well on tests is having good material to study. This starts with the notes you take in class.

MAKE A STUDY CHECKLIST

Before you begin to study for a big test, write a list of all the big concepts and ideas you will need to know. Cross off items as you finish studying for them. Reward yourself with a study breaks!

TEST YOURSELF

Write down a list of questions you think you might be asked on the test and try to answer them. If you have a study buddy, make a practice test for each other to take!

STUDY IN CHUNKS

Don't try to study everything at once. Studying in one-hour blocks is best. Use your study checklist to pick one major concept or idea to study during a certain time block. Push yourself to use the entire hour.

LEARN THE HARD STUFF FIRST

Even though it is satisfying to review material you understand, tackle the hard concepts first so you have enough time to ask for help from a professor or TA if you need it.