



INITIAL LEARNING	REVIEW & SELF-TEST FOR EXAM
<b>GO TO CLASS! TAKE NOTES ON MATERIAL COVERED (REVIEW EFFECTIVE NOTE TAKING)</b>	Revisit your notes after class and recite concepts each week. Then practice! Summarize or teach the concepts to someone else (in a study group, or 1-on-1).
<b>READ COURSE MATERIAL AND TAKE NOTES OF MAIN IDEAS (REVIEW EFFECTIVE READING).</b>	Practice recapping key concepts aloud or in writing. Describe relationships between the main ideas, names, dates, vocabulary and other concepts and ideas.
<b>IDENTIFY STEPS NEEDED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN THE COURSE MATERIAL.</b>	Work through practice problems without looking at the answers, notes, or process. Then review your answers to see if they are correct and where you need to brush up your skills.
<b>PAY ATTENTION TO THE PICTURES, GRAPHS AND GRAPHICS IN YOUR TEXTBOOK OR NOTES.</b>	Review and recreate information from memory, or practice explaining the concept they illustrate.
<b>CREATE TEST QUESTIONS FROM COURSE MATERIAL, CLASS NOTES AND DISCUSSIONS. THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU INCLUDE ON THE EXAM.</b>	Answer questions, verify answers, and relearn information if you answer incorrectly. Did you get it right? Would you get full credit?
<b>CREATE LEARNING TOOLS SUCH AS A CONCEPT MAP OR COMPARISON CHART TO MAP OUT IDEAS, INFORMATION, AND CONCEPTS.</b>	Practice talking through concepts and their connections to one another without looking.
<b>FILL OUT STUDY GUIDES OR CREATE YOUR OWN STUDY GUIDE.</b>	Many instructors provide old test and study guides which can be helpful in quizzing yourself. You can do this out loud, in your head, or with a study partner.
<b>MAKE UP A PRACTICE EXAM BASED ON SAMPLE PROBLEMS AND IDEAS FROM ACROSS ALL COURSE MATERIALS AND CHAPTERS.</b>	Take the practice exam in test-like conditions, the space should be quiet with no distractions. Afterward examine your results & refocus on material you missed.
<b>MAKE FLASHCARDS FOR KEY CONCEPTS, NAMES, FORMULAS, DATES, ETC.</b>	Practice your flashcards until you know the information in both directions (Given side A, you can recite side B, and vice versa).

Focus Each Week on:

- Try finding relationships between the course material you've read and worked through previously and the lectures or discussions you've attended. Are there ideas that intersect or connect?
- Use your time wisely! While the majority of each week should be spent on reviewing new material, spend a little bit of time reexamining previous week's key topics/main ideas and questions that were emphasized in the lesson. By revisiting, this will help you retain the material for exams and later use.
- After you finish each portion, think about what was important, how it might be made into test question, and write it down for review.