

An Overview of Studying Smart

Study with a Partner(s)

Build in study accountability by working with others. Review each other's notes, take turns teaching concepts and quizzing each other.

Make Graphic Organizers

Concept maps, tables and charts, diagrams and illustrations help you see the big picture and relationships between concepts. When you create graphic organizers, you are making ideas connect.

Use Flash Cards

Flash cards are a great way to learn basic recall material in small bits over time. Use them to test yourself between classes, on the bus, etc. Web-based flash card programs offer a range of tools to keep you motivated.

Generate and Answer Higher-Level Thinking Questions

Create questions that require you to analyze, evaluate and synthesize information. This will prepare you for test questions beyond basic recall.

Teach Others

Teach a friend (or anybody – a stuffed animal will do!) what you've learned. This not only helps you review course material, but also shows you where might need more studying.

Make a Study Guide

Merge the main ideas from your notes and readings into a compact overview of course content. If you do this after each class or weekly, you won't need to cram before an exam.



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