



Study Smarter Tips

Preparing for Exams ... the last few weeks of the semester



Gather all subject material

Create a list of what you need to know - refer to your subject calendar.
Intensely review all topics on the list - write notes, make index cards, draw diagrams.
By the start of study week you should have streamlined all content into only the notes you will study.



Find out where you stand

Consult the subject outline.
How much is the exam worth?
What is your progressive mark?



Getting down to it

Study the topics you know least about first, when you are most alert.
Aim to study for a set time. Fifty minutes of study and a ten minute break - remember it has to work for you.
Identify what you already know. Go to the subject calendar and rate each topic out of 10 (10 indicating excellent and 1 least knowledge). Refer to the scale throughout your study prep to help prioritise your learning. Alter the rating as you clarify your understanding.
Keep a revision checklist for each subject to be clear about what you've done and what you still need to do.
Use targets, goals and rewards for motivation.



Organise a revision timetable

Refine and revise your study schedule.
Write an overall plan for the last 4 weeks of the semester, swot vac and exam week.
Write a detailed study plan for each week and stick to it!! Your success is dependent on your effort.



Set study session goals

Make best use of your study time by setting goals at the start of each study session.
Write at least 3 goals.
This helps to start the session quickly and to avoid procrastination.
Goals need to be measurable
Example of study session goals:
1. I will work through 5 equations.
2. I will summarise Ch 3.
3. I will write 3 questions to test myself.
4. Reward - walk the Strand for 30mins.

Test yourself

Build understanding using active learning techniques:
* Paraphrase/summarise main ideas
* Explain concepts to someone else
* Draw diagrams
* Build mind maps to connect ideas
Spend the last 10 minutes of each study session asking yourself questions about the content you have just studied.
In a study group write questions for each other and swap.
Practise under exam conditions

