

Test Taking

Test taking strategies to do your best.

- There is no substitute for having studied thoroughly and knowing the content.
- Reviewing course material throughout the semester helps commit the information to your long-term memory and eliminates the need for cramming the night before.
- Ask your instructor to describe upcoming tests— what course material will it cover, is it cumulative, will it be true/false, multiple choice, or short answer? How much will it be worth?
- The day before a big test take some time to do something you enjoy. A relaxed brain is a more effective brain.



COD TUTORING SERVICES

LEARNING COMMONS: ONE-STOP ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

(630) 942-3686

Test Strategies Apps

Download from iTunes or Google Play.



Study Tips

Learn easy-to-use powerful study tips.



MindShift

Learn strategies to cope and manage testing anxiety.

COD Resources:

Learning Commons

Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2102
(630) 942-3940

Center for Access and Accommodations

Student Services Center (SSC), Room 3249
(630) 942-2154

Strategies for Success

On the day of the test



Read the instructions carefully.



Scan the exam first. Provide more time for more heavily weighted questions.



Write legibly and show your work.



Start with the questions you know.



Learn from the exam as you take it. Questions may provide clues for other questions' answers.



Your first choice is often right. Don't change your answer unless you are sure!



Use all of the time allowed. Take time at the end to review.