How to Raise Your Test Scores

Attend EVERY Class

Any time you miss a class you potentially miss out on important information. If you absolutely cannot make it, be sure to get notes from a friend.

Review your notes

Preferably within 24 hours, go through your notes and organize the information in a way that makes sense to you. Do this regularly and you’ll have created your own study guide for the exam.

Read your textbook

Reading the book will help you identify repeated concepts and key terms that may end up on the exam.

DON’T Cram

Seriously. Don’t do it. Regular, brief study sessions over time will help your brain process and store information more efficiently than one big “cram” session the night before an exam.

Get a Study Buddy

Find (or make) a friend in class and study together. Go to SI sessions if offered for your class. Studying with others may help you cover information you would have missed on your own.

Ask questions

In class. While studying. Asking questions about material you don’t understand helps your brain process the new information. So does trying to predict potential exam questions.

Study when you're alert

Studying when you are mentally fatigued is generally a waste of time. Period.

Catch some Zzzzzs

Your brain simply does not function up to capacity without enough sleep. You will be much more likely to recall what you’ve learned if you’re rested.