

Rutgers Learning Centers

At Camden Campus

TEST PREPARATION: CREATING REVIEW TOOLS

Checklists

Identify all of the material that you will be tested on; list class notes, formulas, ideas, and textbook assignments. Then break your study time into organized, manageable chunks for each task.

Summaries

Create visual summaries that briefly map out the important ideas of the course and the relationships of those ideas. Use your imagination and sense of humor to create your map - the more outrageous, humorous, and creative, the better you will remember it.

Create written summaries that tie major ideas together in words - good preparation for essay exams.

Audiocassettes

Record your textbook notes and class notes on tapes and listen to them while walking, driving, or waiting in line.

You can summarize major ideas, explain concepts, describe processes and relationships in your own words and then play them back to see how well you understand the test material.

Flash Cards

Create flash cards for definitions, formulas, lists, or parts of a process.

Put topics or questions on one side, answers on the other.

Use several colors for different math formulas, for different categories for biology, or for different systems for engineering-type courses. In a test situation, you might remember the color to help you identify the parent set.

-from *On Becoming a Master Student*, Ellis, College Survival, Inc., Rapid City, SD, 1991, and
How to Study in College, Pauk, Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, 1989

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