

# TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

## PREPARE

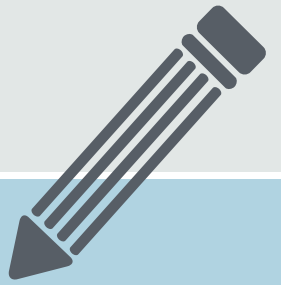


- Attend class regularly
- Avoid cramming
- Form a study group
- Sleep and eat well

## DURING THE TEST

- Read over the exam before you begin
- Answer all the questions starting with the easiest ones
- Review answers

## MULTIPLE CHOICE



- Eliminate obvious wrong answers
- Read the question first and try to decide on an answer before you see the choices
- Leave a question and come back to it if you are not sure
- Beware of questions with words like "not", "all" or "none."

## ESSAY QUESTIONS



- Watch for key words in the prompts: analyze, compare, contrast, outline, summarize, etc.
- Read the question carefully
- Jot down ideas
- Always answer in complete sentences and break your essay into paragraphs
- Review your essay for clarity, spelling and grammar



## AFTER THE TEST

- Reflect on the experience. What study techniques worked and which did not. How will you approach your next test?
- See the opportunity in the experience. If you did well, continue your study plan. If you did not do as well as you want, come see a tutor or Academic Coach