Final Exam Prep

USE SEVERAL APPROACHES

- Incorporate multiple learning styles
- Get creative
- Make personal connections with material

PRACTICE THE WAY YOU WILL BE TESTED

- Study/do homework under timed conditions
- Develop a “game-plan”
- Predict exam questions
  – think about “monster problems”

MANAGE YOUR TIME

- Don’t wait for the study guide
- Make a plan and do your best to stick with it
- Say NO!!
  Studies show that we overestimate the time we have available in the future

REVIEW OLD INFORMATION, THEN ADD NEW

- Activate prior knowledge
- Make connections between old and new info
- Repetition is key to getting information into long term memory
Exam Styles

Multiple Choice Preparation:
- Study similar concepts together (similar sounding, closely related, easily confused)
- Study from concept to example or vice versa
- Minimal verbiage on study tool to force recall
- Prepare for application style exam questions
- Study similar items together (they will most likely end up as answer options)

Problem Solving Preparation:
- Figure out time to question ratio on past exams and work under that ratio when doing homework and review
- Practice daily
- Practice setting problems up –especially from word problems
- Develop a set of steps and follow them each time you practice

Writing Exams Preparation:
- Study like concepts together
- Practice responding to prompts by creating outlines (thesis and key points)
- Learn concepts with examples as you study
- When possible use charts and graphs to visualize relationships across material