

Conquering Math Exams

Before

- Go to class!
- Start studying 7-10 days before the exam!
 - * Reread and rewrite key terms.
 - * Redo homework and example problems without help!
 - * Take practice tests under test conditions! http://www-math.umd.edu/testbank.html
 - * Take a 10 minute break for every 50 minutes you study.
- Get plenty of sleep the night before the exam!

After



- Compare your test score to the class average rather than the letter grade.
- Bring your test to your professor or TA and review questions you still have.
- Analyze the errors!
 - * Did you the misread directions?
 - * Did you make a careless mistake?
 - * Did you apply the concept correctly?
 - * Did you run out of time?
- Review your exam or make a study plan for your next exam.



During

- Take a deep breath and repeat to yourself, "I've practiced. I'm going to do my best."
- Write down key concepts you do not want to forget at the top of the exam.
- Answer the straight-forward questions first.
- Write as much information as possible, attempting every question!
- If you get anxious, close your eyes, count to five, and breathe slowly.
- Double check your answers!
 - * Do they make logical sense?
 - * Do they answer the question asked?
- Don't erase your work—you might get partial credit!

