

15 DAYS TO FINAL EXAM SUCCESS

Final exams are coming! Your teachers will be giving you review information in class and as homework over the next couple of weeks. In addition to that regular class work, if you follow these tips and dedicate **10 minutes to each tip, per class, per day**, you are bound to set yourself up for success! Yes, *that's an hour extra a day* ~ but that extra hour a day can really pay off! Try it ... you'll see!

Day 1: December 4

"Gallery walk"

Walk through all of your notes and handouts from each class. Take note of the key topics, repeated concepts, what stands out.

Day 4: December 7

Create at least one ACRONYM for key terms or concepts from this class. Write the acronym on a sticky note and place it on your bathroom mirror to see every day!

Day 9: December 12

Share your drawing with a friend. Explain the symbols that you used. Ask your friend to add a few things to the drawing that you may have missed. Now hang it on your bathroom mirror!

Day 12:

December 15

Listen to the recording that you made yesterday. Take notes as if you were the teacher - writing down anything that should be added to make the explanation more clear.

Day 2: December 5

Focus on the previous assessments from each class. Read through the questions and your answers. Start from the beginning of the year and work your way to the most recent.

Day 5: December 8

Make a graphic organizer for each class. Google search 'graphic organizer' and pick your favorite one. Fill it in with important ideas from the class.

Day 10:

December 13

Grab your highlighter ... Go back through class notes, review guides, old tests. Highlight between 5-10 things on each page. Then, transfer the highlighted words/phrases to a sheet of paper.

Day 13: December 16

Act it out! Create an action to go with 10-15 key words or concepts from the class. Have a friend or family member read through your notes from Day 2. Each time the key concept is mentioned, do your action for that term

Day 3: December 6

Take out a blank sheet of paper. Write down main ideas from the class (use what you revisited on day 1!), repeated topics, key concepts. Review these with a friend.

Day 6: December 9

Teach a friend what you know about the class. You remember at least 95% of what you teach!

Day 8: December 11

Draw a picture! Yes... a picture! Illustrate the class in a one-page drawing. Add symbols and pictures of anything that is important to the class material. Get creative!

Day 7: December 10

Make flashcards on at least 20 key words or concepts from each class. Practice with the flashcards by quizzing yourself, or having someone else quiz you. Move cards to piles of ones that you know well and ones that need more practice

Day 11: December 14

Take your note sheet from yesterday. Using your cell phone, record yourself explaining the importance of the key words and phrases that you wrote on that paper.

Day 14: December 17

Spend some time on your class webpage. Click on the links for information on the class. Reread the initial syllabus and course information. If there are links to outside webpages, see what they have to offer!

Day 15:

December 18

Look back at your work from the past 14 days. Revisit your drawing, your acronyms, your notes, your audio recording, your highlighting, etc.

Final exam review days - December 19 and 20

Pay close attention in your classes on these review days!

Final exam days - December 21 and 22

You've made it! Go into your exams with confidence, knowing that you have fully prepared and worked hard to show what you know. Take a deep breath and do your best!