



Organizing for Tests*

- **Begin reviewing early** This will give your brain time to get comfortable with the information
- **Conduct short daily review sessions** You can ease into more intense review session prior to major exams
- **Read text assignments before lectures** This will help you identify concepts that the professor considers important and that are already somewhat familiar
- **Review notes immediately after lectures** This will help you identify information that you do not understand while the lecture is still fresh in your memory--and other students' memories as well. When you review immediately, you'll have time to clarify information with other students
- **Review with a group** This will enable you to cover important material that you may overlook on your own
- **Conduct a major review early enough** to allow for a visit to the instructor during his office hours if necessary
- **Break up the study tasks into manageable chunks**, especially during major reviews prior to exams. Studying three hours in the morning and three in the evening will be more effective than studying at a six hour stretch. *Studying while you are mentally fatigued is usually a waste of time*
- **Study the most difficult material when you are alert**