

EXAM AUTOPSY

Check What You Did Before the Exam	Check What You Did During the Exam	
O Read and highlighted/underlined the textbook.	O Glanced through the exam before doing any work.	
o Combined notes from the text with lecture notes.	O Read the instructions carefully.	
o Prepared a study guide.	o Completed the easiest questions first.	
o Got assistance from a TA or the professor.	O Asked for clarification of unclear questions.	
o Got ample sleep the night before the test.	O Underlined key words in questions.	
o Previewed previous notes before the next lecture.	O Became so anxious that if affected my performance.	
O Attended SI or tutoring sessions	O Budgeted my time based on the question weight.	
o Attended all lectures.	O Skipped hard questions and returned to them later.	



So now what do I do with all of this???

<u>Look</u> at where you had the most difficulty from the Exam Autopsy Worksheet. Were most of your missed questions because of insufficient information or were they a result of careless mistakes?

Identifying where you struggle the most can help to pinpoint specific tactics for you to use either in preparation for or during the test. Based on where you struggle the most, try some of the following approaches to improve before your next exam.

Insufficient Information or Lack of Test Wisdom:	Text Anxiety or Careless Mistakes:
 ✓ Attended tutoring, supplemental instruction and or study/groups ✓ Keep up with the material – falling behind can make you feel overwhelmed and even less motivated! ✓ Clarify concepts by asking questions during lecture and participating in class discussions. ✓ Visit the professor's office hours. ✓ Review: Getting it Write – Lecture Note Taking toolkit, Remember What? Memory Improvement and Reading Worksheet. 	 ✓ Underline key words in questions so you can keep track of important information and directions. ✓ Skip difficult questions and return to them later – your brain may need more time to process the information. ✓ Ask for help during the exam for clarification ✓ Review: Essay Test Tactics and Objective Test Tactics (True/False and Multiple Choice)

RECOMMENDED APPS

Reminders App	Google Keep	Study Blue
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