Strategies for Multiple Choice Exams

**Before the Exam**

Start **studying early**. Stick to your study schedule. Do not memorize the material, because instructors will rephrase information in their own words as they write the exams. Make sure you **understand** the material.

**During the Exam**

**Preview** the questions and estimate how much time you will have to answer each question. Answer all of the questions you know **first** and mark the ones you skip. Once you have answered all of the questions you know, go back to the questions you skipped. Use **information** and **insights** you learn as you take the test to go back and fix incorrect answers (if applicable).

**If You're Unsure of the Answer**

If there is a question that uses terminology you do not know, use your knowledge of common prefixes to answer (i.e. hyper means high). Avoid options that are completely unfamiliar to you. **Don't** overthink the answer.

**After the Exam**

If time allows, **review** your questions and answers to make sure that you did not misread any questions.

**Tips**

- "All of the above" tends to be more correct than not, especially if more options are correct
- Watch out for statements that include absolutes such as "never", "always", "is", "are", "guarantees", "ensures". These types of statements are restrictive and often difficult to defend
- If you still don't know then answer make an educated guess by narrowing down your choices and carefully review your options