Strategies for Multiple Choice Exams

Before the Exam

- Start **studying early.**
- Create a **study plan** and stick to your study schedule.
- **Do not** memorize the material, because instructors will re-word the material.

During the Exam

- **Preview** the questions and **estimate** the time it'd takes to answer each
- Answer all of the questions you know **first** and mark the ones you skip.
- Use **information** and **insights** you learn as you take the test to go back and fix incorrect answers (if applicable).
- Try to **answer** the question **before looking** at the answer choices
- Make sure **all aspects** of the answer are correct.
- If time allows, **review** your questions and answers at the end.

If You're Unsure of the Answer

- If there is terminology you do not know, use your knowledge of common **prefixes** to answer (i.e. hyper means high).
- If two answers are similar, **translate** them to your own words and analyze the difference.
- **Only** change your answer for a better one or if you made a mistake.
- Make an **educated guess** by narrowing down your choices and carefully reviewing your options
- **Don't** overthink the answer.

Tips

- You can eliminate "all of the above" if you know know one of the answer choices is incorrect
- Watch for statements that include absolutes such as "never", "always", "is", "are", "guarantees", "ensures" as they may be restrictive and difficult to defend.

After the Exam

**Reward yourself!** Celebrate your accomplishment by taking a nap, having a great meal, visiting friends or other self-care routines