Top 10 Tips for Taking College Exams

10 Things to Remember on the Day of your Exam

1. **Arrive early.** Make sure you know the location and time of your exam. Get there early to give yourself enough time to settle down before the exam starts.

2. **Be awake for the test.** Ideally, getting a good night’s rest is always encouraged before an exam; however, realistically, we all know that can’t always happen. Other options are to shower in the morning, chew gum, to have a caffeinated drink. Always be cautious when consuming caffeinated drinks, you don’t want to be jittery for the test.

3. **Eat a small breakfast.** You’ll want to minimize any possible distractions during the test. It'll be more difficult to concentrate if you're hungry. Don't eat anything that may upset your stomach.

4. **Bring extra writing utensils.** You never know when your pencil’s going to break or run out of lead or your pen’s going to run out of ink.

5. **Bring all essential test materials.** There’s nothing worse than forgetting to bring a calculator or notes to an exam. Professors usually won’t have extras or allow you to share with another classmate.

6. **Go to the bathroom.** Self-explanatory. This is another precaution to minimize distractions during the test.

7. **Wear comfortable clothes.** You’ll want to be comfortable taking the test. Popular choices are sweatpants and hoodies.

8. **Bring any necessities.** Bring a water bottle, tissues, cough drops, etc.

9. **Look over your notes.** Review important information again before the test to refresh your memory.

10. **It’s just a test.** Remember that you studied hard and have confidence in yourself.

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