Active Studying

Reading and re-reading your lectures notes and text often isn’t enough to prepare for a test or learn material deeply. Active studying will help you feel better prepared for what you’ll face on an exam, and is a great way to test your knowledge!

- **Work in Groups**
  Studying and learning with others helps you see ideas in a new way and also keeps you accountable.

- **Make Graphic Organizers**
  Tables and charts, diagrams, and illustrations help you see the big picture and relationships between ideas.

- **Make Flash Cards**
  Flash cards can help you learn material in small bits over time. Test yourself between classes or whenever you have a spare minute.

- **Teach Others**
  Teach a classmate what you know. This will help you review material and determine what you need to focus on.

- **Make a Study Guide**
  Combine the important info from notes and readings into a compact overview of the material.

- **Make Test Questions**
  Predict what the exam will ask—and answer those questions! This will help you hone your critical thinking skills.