


University Seminar: Psychology Edition


Chapter 6: Tests
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Overview/Outline

- Notetaking discussion
- Tests
 - Preparing/Reviewing
 - Obtaining information
 - Strategy during test
 - If you get stuck
 - After the test...

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Notes

- Changes in note taking?
- Shorthand
- Discerning relevant and irrelevant
 - How do you decide?
- Good notes can have great value later
- Be systematic and organized

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Tests

- How to do well
- Distributed vs. Massed Practice
- Reviews
 - Daily
 - Weekly
 - Major

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Open Book Tests

- Piece of cake, right?
- Don't take lightly
- Will not have much time to find information
- Generally longer and more difficult than closed book

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Ask questions

- Can almost always get some info.
 - How much will vary by professor
 - What have you experienced?
- Publisher's website, generally a great resource
 - Tutorials
 - Quizzes
 - Practice tests/essay questions

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Strategy during the test

- Quickly skim whole thing
- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY!!
- Allocate time
- Read all response options
- For essays, be sure you are really answering the question
- Write legibly

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If you get stuck on a question

- Read it again
- Skip the question
- Look for answers or prompts in other questions
- Follow intuitions
- Visualize the answer's "location"
- Rewrite the question
- Free write
- Write a close answer

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Processing the aftermath

- If it went well...
- If it didn't go well...
- Experiences?
- When should you go and talk to the professor?
 - Be prepared for meeting
- Questions in small groups to answer

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