HOW TO PREPARE FOR EXAMS

- First things first, you must learn to be resourceful. This means you must use a variety of materials to study, not just one of the bullet points listed below.
- Rewrite class notes after each lecture, especially the most important topics or formulas. This declutters notes and streamlines studying. While doing this, you are also reviewing the content. Writing the information down again will help it stick better than just glancing over the material from your notes. This can act as a study guide in which you may reference and skim over many times before the test, if desired.
- Read/use the textbook: If your class has a textbook, do not be afraid to open it.
    - Try reading the relevant sections that are on the exam. This will either prove that you know the concepts and formulas or will show you what you need to review. Many professors do not post notes online, so if you have holes in your notes or miss a lecture, reading your textbook can be extremely helpful. (Not to mention professors like to take examples out of the book, and those who read it are rewarded)
    - Each section in the textbook has sample problems within its paragraphs. These problems are worked out with solutions and explanations, and if you work through these, you could make sure you know all procedures and concepts.
- Redo homework: The assigned homework outlines the most important topics covered in class, so chances are similar problems will appear on the exam. Doing the problems once, the first time, is not always enough. Practice makes perfect, as they say.
- Take advantage of practice exams, supplied by professors or obtained from peers who took the class before you.
- Studying for exams should not be something crammed in a day or two before the test. If you seek better scores, try reviewing material after class, before lectures and in between. Even if the exam for a class is two weeks away, it never hurts to start making study guides, note cards and doing practice in advance.

Note: Every class structure is different, so some bullet points may not be applicable or may need to be adjusted accordingly.