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False Preparation Flow Chart

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOUR TEST SCORE DOES NOT MATCH
YOUR PREPARATION?

After taking the test ask yourself the
following questions

- How did I feel while taking the test?
- Did I run out of time?
- What did I feel prepared for?
- What did I feel clueless about?

**WHEN
YOU
HAVE
YOUR
TEST
BACK**

Look at
PATTERNS or
THEMES missed.

- Calculation errors
- Memorization shortfalls
- Conceptual mistakes

Did you run out of
time?

Y

Where did most of
your time go?

What type of
questions were on
the exam?

- Open Response or Essay
- T/F or Multiple Choice
- Math Problems
- Other

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How can you more
effectively study
those materials
next time?

**IF YOU
KNOW**

Where did the test
questions come
from?

- Slides
- Lectures
- Book
- Homework
- Quizzes
- Combination

**IF YOU
HAVE
NO CLUE**

Set up a meeting
with the professor
or TA to ask how
to study and what
materials to
double-check
records.

What can you do
differently for the
next exam?

- Meet with professor/TA
- Attend Success+ Tutoring
- Join a study group
- Work practice problems daily
- Start studying a week in advance
- Mimic the test environment (time and material) with practice tests
- Meet with an Academic Coach



FALSE EXAM PREPARATION

WHEN YOUR PREPARATION DID
NOT MATCH THE OUTCOME



Sign up for
Academic Coaching

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TIME

- Did you spend adequate time **preparing** for the exam?
- On the exam did you **run out** of time?
- Which types of questions/problems took up the most time?

Completing practice tests and mimicking the test environment can help you get comfortable with the pace required on the actual exam.

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WONDER

- Was the test asking you to know the topic's **what** (descriptive), **how** (process), or **why** (analysis)?

Understanding your professor's test style helps you better prepare for them.

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EVALUATE

- Where did **the test questions** come from?
 - Slides
 - Lectures
 - Book
 - Homework
 - Quizzes
 - Some combination
 - Review document

If you do not know, set up a time to talk with your professor. This is key!

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APPLY

- What can you **do differently** to prepare for the next exam?
 - Meet with professor/TA
 - Attend Success+ Tutoring
 - Join a study group
 - Work practice problems daily
 - Start studying a week in advance
 - Meet with an Academic Coach

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KINDNESS

- **Be kind to yourself.**
 - Did you rest enough the night before
 - Did you eat something to make your body feel good?

Taking care of yourself is an important component of test prep.

False Preparation Flow Chart

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FAIL A TEST YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE PREPARED FOR

WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR TEST BACK

Look at **PATTERNS** or **THEMES** missed.

- Calculation errors
- Memorization shortfalls
- Conceptual mistakes

Did you run out of time?

Y

Where did most of your time go?

What type of questions were on the exam?

- Open Response or Essay
- T/F or Multiple Choice
- Math Problems
- Other

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How can you more effectively study those materials next time?

IF YOU KNOW

What can you do differently for the next exam?

- Meet with professor/TA
- Attend Success+ tutoring
- Join a study group
- Study with friends
- Work practice problems daily
- start studying earlier
- ... other ideas here!

Set up a meeting with the professor or TA to ask how to study and what materials to double-check records.

IF YOU HAVE NO CLUE

Where did the test questions come from?

- Slides
- Lectures
- Book
- Homework
- Quizzes
- Combination

**DID YOU RUN
OUT OF TIME?**

If yes, then where did
most of your time go?

**WHAT TYPES OF
QUESTIONS
WERE THEY?**

- Open
Response/Essay
- T/F or Multiple
Choice
- Math Problems
- Other

**WHERE DID
THE TEST
QUESTIONS
COME FROM?**

- Slides
- Lectures
- Book
- Homework
- Quizzes
- Combination

**IF YOU KNOW
WHERE THEY
COME FROM**

How can you more
effectively study those
materials next time?

**IF YOU HAVE
NO CLUE**

This is the time to
set up a meeting with
the professor or TA!
Tell them what and
how you studied and
ask what other
materials they would
suggest

**WHAT CAN YOU DO
DIFFERENTLY TO
PREPARE FOR THE
NEXT EXAM?**

- Meet with professor/TA
- Attend Success+ tutoring
- Join a study group
- Study with friends
- Work practice problems daily
- Start studying earlier
- other ideas here

**WHEN YOU
GET YOUR
TEST BACK**

Look for patterns and
themes for what you
missed. Was it a
calculation errors?
Memorization
shortfalls?
Conceptual mistakes?

FALSE EXAM PREPARATION

You're in the middle of taking a test and realize your
studying did not prepare you for this content/you felt
prepared beforehand but failed the test