

How to Study for a Math Final Exam

The following is a study checklist! Check off each part as you complete it. Ideally, this list should be started **at least 10 days before** your final!!

1) GET ORGANIZED:

- Gather up all old tests and quizzes (and any solution sheets or solutions given in class)
- Gather up all homework
- Gather up all class notes
- Gather up all flash cards (formulas, definitions and rules)

2) FIND TROUBLE AREAS:

- Look through each test and quiz...
- Write down all problems that you didn't get the majority of credit on (i.e. problems that you didn't just get 1 or 2 points off for a silly mistake)

3) RELEARN! - (focus on trouble areas):

- Rework class examples for these problems
- Redo homework for these problems
- Get tutoring, if needed
- Go to the teacher for help, if needed

4) OVERVIEW STUDY:

- Write down all test and quiz questions (without solutions) on a few sheets of paper
- Read all test and quiz solutions (along with the original problems, of course)
- Glance through class notes and read what you don't remember off the top of your head
- Read through all flash cards

5) TEST YOURSELF:

- Retake the tests and quizzes, working from the questions you copied (you may want to do this in a couple of chunks!)
- Grade yourself using the solution sheets (or your solution notes from class)

6) INTENSE STUDY - (focus on the problems you missed in step 5):

- Rework examples from class notes
- Redo homework
- Go through all flash cards until you know them cold

7) WRAP-UP:

- Look through all tests and quizzes (and solutions) again
- Look through class notes again
- Look through flash cards
- Relax and just do your best!