

HOW TO PREDICT TEST QUESTIONS

The following suggestions can help you not only receive a better grade, but also keep you focused on the purpose of the course and help you design your learning strategy.

1. Ask your professor to describe the test -- how long it will be and what kind of questions to expect (essay, multiple choice, problems).
2. During lectures you can watch for test questions by observing not only what the professor says but also how he/she says it.
 - ❖ They might repeat important points several times, write them on the board, or return to them in subsequent classes.
 - ❖ They might use certain gestures when making crucial points.
 - ❖ Also pay attention to questions the instructor poses to students, and note questions other students ask.
3. When material from reading assignments is covered extensively in class, it is likely to be on the test.
4. Try to think like your professor. What kind of question would you ask? Make practice test questions.
5. Save all quizzes, papers, lab sheets, and graded material of any kind. Quiz questions have a way of appearing, in slightly altered forms, on final exams.
6. You can also brainstorm for questions with other students. This is a great activity for study groups.
7. Finally, be on the lookout for these words: “This material will be on the test.”