

Multiple choice tests aim to test a student's understanding and application of course knowledge. The goal is for the student to choose the "best" "most correct" answer. This tip sheet is meant to help you approach your multiple choice test with a strategy and focus so you can come to educated conclusions as you work through the test.

### Tip 1

Directions might ask you to choose a certain number of questions to answer. Don't be afraid to write down, circle, or cross out anything that helps you clarify or understand the directions.

### Tip 2

'Brain dumping' can be an effective test-taking strategy for many written assessments. When you first receive the test, use a scrap piece of paper to write down notes to yourself if necessary as you go through the test. Write down any formulas or acronyms you've had to memorize.

### Tip 3

It can help to build your confidence to go through the entire test and answer the questions you are sure you know first. Make note of any questions that you don't answer right away. Once you've made it through all the questions on the first go around, go back to the start and work through the questions you passed over the first time.

### Tip 4

### Tip 5

Once you have understood what the question is asking, think about what the right answer should be, or what it is likely to contain. Use this to consider the available options: do they match with your solution?

### Tip 6

To verify that your chosen answer makes the most sense out of the given options, make sure you read each option carefully.

### Tip 7

If you're sure an answer is wrong, eliminate it. This will help you to narrow down your options. If you're not sure what the right answer is, can you make a case for why one answer might be wrong? Is one answer only right under narrow conditions, or require exceptions or assumptions to be true? Does one of the options more appropriately address the whole question or better fit the context of the question?