Conquering Math Exams

**Before**
- Go to class!
- Start studying 7-10 days before the exam!
  * Reread and rewrite key terms.
  * Redo homework and example problems **without** help!
  * Take practice tests under test conditions! [http://www-math.umd.edu/testbank.html](http://www-math.umd.edu/testbank.html)
  * Take a 10 minute break for every 50 minutes you study.
- Get plenty of sleep the night before the exam!

**During**
- Take a deep breath and repeat to yourself, “I’ve practiced. I’m going to do my best.”
- Write down key concepts you do not want to forget at the top of the exam.
- Answer the straight-forward questions first.
- Write as much information as possible, attempting every question!
- If you get anxious, close your eyes, count to five, and breathe slowly.
- Double check your answers!
  * Do they make logical sense?
  * Do they answer the question asked?
- Don’t erase your work—you might get partial credit!

**After**
- Compare your test score to the class average rather than the letter grade.
- Bring your test to your professor or TA and review questions you still have.
- Analyze the errors!
  * Did you misread directions?
  * Did you make a careless mistake?
  * Did you apply the concept correctly?
  * Did you run out of time?
- Make a Math Learning appointment at LAS to review your exam or make a study plan for your next exam: [https://lasonline.umd.edu](https://lasonline.umd.edu)