

ECON 110/112 – Exam Study Strategies

EXAM FORMAT

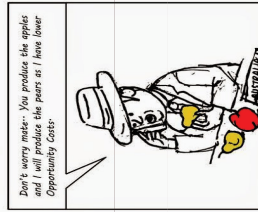
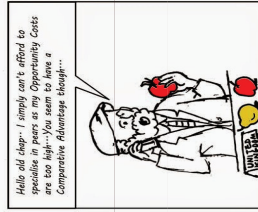
- 80 multiple choice questions
- Part A: 40 questions
 - 1 mark for each question
- Part B: 40 questions
 - 5 sets of long questions (8 each); focused on calculations
 - Each question is worth 1 mark

HOW TO STUDY

- Review lecture notes and textbook
 - If time is limited, review the concepts you are less familiar with and practice with relevant problems
- Review assignments, quizzes, and practice problems
- When reviewing, focus on understanding processes and themes, rather than cramming facts
- Practice with past exams; (the more practice the better!)
- Time yourself when self-testing with old exams. If possible, do the mock exam during the same time slot as your actual final.
- Be patient with yourself! Do several of the same type of question to learn the patterns. Don't give up!
- Embrace and analyze your mistakes. Where are you lost? Refer back to your readings and lecture notes, then practice again.

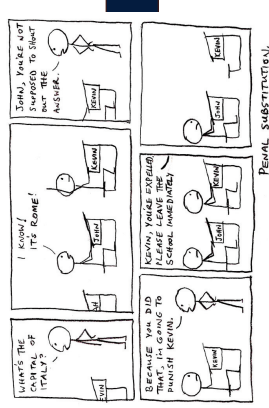
HOW TO STUDY (CONTD)

- Go back to materials if you still have questions or concerns. Make sure to review and redo the problems to check your understanding
- The sets of long questions (8 each) in part B of the exam are similar to questions from assignments: revise and redo them.
- Try studying in a group:
 - For self-testing and review
 - To complete missing items and ideas in your study materials



FINDING PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- OnQ: assignments, quizzes, practice problems, past exams
- Exam Bank: for practicing with past exams
- Re-use or adapt questions from class
- Designing your own appropriate questions is useful, since you'll be using your knowledge of the course to define what's important and what's not



COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID WHILE STUDYING

- Trying to memorize all the material. Use the course syllabus and past papers to prioritize what's more or less important
- Not trying to understand the concepts before doing practice problems
- Avoid cramming unfamiliar material on the last day! Work through content over a longer period of time

STUDY AND EXAM PREP RESOURCES

- OnQ: Reading list (with some supplementary material), class handouts, coursework schedule
- For practice: assignments, online quizzes, exams (with solutions) and old papers (with solutions)
- Professors and TAs
- How-to-study workshops run by Economics DSC

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Work to understand how to solve practice questions right after class - not only before the exam
- Get help from classmates, professors or TAs in a timely manner
- Keep up with your readings, focusing on concepts and reoccurring terms over small facts

OTHER RESOURCES

- ASUS tutoring
- TAs, professors and group members
- Brush up on basic knowledge through the economics resources on <http://www.khanacademy.org>
- Student Academic Success Services' one-on-one consultations and workshops

FINAL TAKEAWAYS

- Practice plays a big role in preparing for the ECON 110/112 final exam and goes beyond simply doing as many problems as you can. Reviewing and understanding relevant content is also important, especially for Part A in the exam
- Leave ample time in your prep activity to review notes *and* to practice and refine answers
- First-year courses are designed to give you foundational knowledge in your discipline: if you understand the big themes and underlying ideas of the course, you're set for next year!