

## Testing Advice for Dr. Hubbard's College Algebra Exams

The following are suggestions for studying from college algebra students after their second exam. First is the list of suggestions from students who were pleased with their scores. Second are suggestions from students who were displeased with their scores.

### **I was pleased with my examination performance. I recommend the following study techniques to others:**

Doing the homework really helped.

Coming in for questions I found while doing the practice exam helped me.

I like how you had the old exams online to practice, that helped me prepare.  
One thing that helped me in my preparation was working the practice exam problems.

I like the Activity worksheets. It helps for studying.

Actually go through the review. Helps you break up material to see what you don't know.

What helped me was not working problems but knowing the steps on how to work each problem.

Pleased because I went to SI once and then I reviewed tests from years before ... that was the best way I think.

Going over everything for one class period

I began studying the night before the exam [not recommended :) ] by going over my notes and activities. I think studying the activities helped me the most.

I plan on attending more SI's for the next exam. ... I just choked on test day. I'll probably take more practice exams.

Go to SI and work on the practice test.

I do my homework and read over my notes before the test.

I'm not sure

### **I was not pleased with my examination performance. My plan to improve on past performance is:**

Need to pay more attention to small details while working at fast pace.

One thing that might have, well, definitely worked is if I would have studied my notes and went online and looked at the old exams.

Get the practice test.

Most of the mistakes were my mess ups. Confusion! But I see what's going on.

Actually study for the test.

I will probably sleep a little more and try to get rid of my short-term memory loss.

Spend more time on homework.

Do more homework. Work with a buddy or tutor. It helps doing the practice exam.

Pay attention to all details. Don't rush.

I need to work through the practice exam more carefully and take my time on the test.

Study more before the week of the test and make sure I understand everything while we're learning.

I will prepare for the next test by doing more problems in the lessons.

We should do more problems like problem 2. [When does the potato reach its highest point and how high?] I hope to be able to access the online tests to study because I tried this past time and couldn't.

SI helped. Next time I will study between SI's.

SI helped, but I need to study more on my own.

I should have prepared more.

To prepare for the next exam, I won't forget my calculator on the test day. Also, maybe look over my notes more.

I'm not pleased with my grade, but it's my fault because I didn't study.

Unfortunately I am not pleased with my grade because I did not prepare good enough. For my next two exams I will try to work some extra homework assignments early in advance. Looking over old exams will maybe help me on the final.

I need to buy my own graphing calculator instead of relying on another. Rewrite notes.

Just need to take my time. Practicing the practice test that are posted online, and doing the review test in the book.

I did not study well for the exam.

Showing up to take the exam will significantly increase my exam grade. Reviewing problems for the exam will help more as well.

Go to SI and take the practice test.

I could have studied more.

Classes and exams are fine, not pleased with exam scores but that was a personal issue and is resolved now. Time management is a huge issue. Word to the wise, have enough time to study and go to SI.

In order to prepare better is to prepare weeks before exam. Go through homework every day.

I come to class and go to SI so I guess just study more.

I probably should have done the test thing online like I did last time.

Paying attention in class was good, but 4 hours of sleep the night before and not being able to study at all due to Senior Seminar wasn't good.

I probably could have studied more.

What screwed me up on the exams was that they're too word. I suck at understanding what the questions ask me.

I intend to do more homework or example problems. And perhaps do the practice exams online.

I think that for success I'm going to need to study hard, and attend SI. Laziness obviously does not pay off.

I personally need to read the problems more closely and maybe should work on more word problems.

I thought I understood everything, but apparently not. Study more than I did.

STUDY! Don't try to make things more complicated. Just because you're in Algebra, you don't have to make it complex to make it seem right. Look at the online exams. Go to SI when possible.

Go to study groups for Help!

I think I need to attend SI more.

I don't understand algebra. I'm only able to complete my homework with the assistance of the AARC.

There were some things on [the exam] that I still don't understand such as imaginary numbers.