

How to prepare for Geology 101 quizzes and exams

I generally advise students to begin studying early.

- 1) Read the chapter before class so that the lecture will make more sense. At the bottom of the class web page <http://www.wsu.edu/~geology101/sec1/> there are study guides and review slides for each quiz and exam. Work on the material for each chapter that I lecture about.
- 2) After lecture (that day or the next) write out the questions from the study guide that were covered and answer them using the lecture notes and the text. Before you end your study session read through both the questions and answer you wrote out.
- 3) For next lecture, repeat 2 above for the next set of questions in the study guide but before you end this study session read all previous questions and answers and the ones you just finished. If you do this consistently lecture by lecture you will have created a master set of lecture notes which will cover about 90% of the questions on any quiz or exam.

By reviewing the study guide material again and again you will be familiarizing yourself with the terminology. You also will have completed the study guide about a week before the quiz or exam and at that time ask your self the question with the answer covered. If you have a problem correctly answering the question then make a note so that you can review it again before you end the study session.

The key is to do a little bit every day or two rather than waiting until a few days before the quiz or exam and trying to do it all then; there is too much terminology and facts to memorize and keep straight.

There will be some questions not covered on the study guide but many times when I ask questions in class and do not get a reply you may see one of those later. I tend to review important points and so you may want to make note of those and review that information.

A student who finished the course last semester offers this advice on how to prepare and do well in Geology 101.

**“...stress to your future students
that if they attend class and go over the study guide
they'll get the grade they deserve. “**

I hope this helps.

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