

## How to Review for Macro Exams

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### Exam assumptions

- For macro exams we assume that you know all the notes
- We assume that you understand all the equations
- We assume that you have gone over the study guide and have tried some of the online quiz questions
- For the final we assume that you have gone over the previous mid-terms

### 5 step approach

1. Select what you have to learn
2. Learn it
3. Self-test on definitions and equations
4. Relearn stuff that didn't sink in and goto 3
5. Do online quizzes

NOW YOU SHOULD BE READY!!!

### Step 1 - Select what you have to learn

Go through your notes with a pad and pen and write out definitions, equations, concepts in a list – this is your LEARNING Sheet  
e.g. Equation of exchange:  $MV=PY$   
Productivity = output per unit factor of production per given period of time

Folding a piece of paper in two helps for next step

### Step 2 - Learn it

- Go through the lists, usually chapter by chapter is best, and memorize each definition or concept
- Make sure you understand the concept too
- Try to think of examples of concepts, definitions or equations as you are learning them.

### Step 3 - Self-test on definitions and equations

- Use the folded piece of paper to test yourself by only showing yourself the list of definitions, concepts equations
- Write out the answers on a separate piece of paper WITHOUT cheating
- Grade yourself harshly, noting what sank in and what didn't

#### Step 4 - Relearn stuff that didn't sink in and goto 3

- Note what you didn't get first time around and go back to the learning sheet and remind yourself of why
- Go back to 3 and retest yourself until you get 100%

#### Step 5 - Do online quizzes

- Now go to the web and test yourself on the online quizzes
- You should be getting at least 90%
- If not, go back to step 3 again and check your learning sheet

#### Exam success

- If you use this process you will be
  - a) better prepared – your grade will go up
  - b) more confident – your grade will go up
  - c) able to enjoy the exam – your grade will go up

REMEMBER IT TAKES TIME TO  
PREPARE FOR AN EXAM