



On-going exam revision

Introduction

It is easiest to revise for exams on an on-going basis. However, many students tend to leave revision to the last minute which in turn has a negative impact upon their performance. This guide outlines why on-going revision is effective and how to build this into your academic timetable.

Benefits of on-going revision

There are a number of benefits associated with undertaking on-going revision:

Increase subject knowledge

Aids memory

More manageable

Reduces stress

More prepared

Improves performance

Fit around commitments

Avoid rushing

Fitting in on-going revision

The easiest way to undertake on-going revision is to build it into your normal study routine. It will not be possible to revise every day. However, it is important that you

revise periodically, in short chunks, so that you keep reminding yourself what material you have covered. The following strategies will help:

- Do not miss any lectures or seminars
 - Plug any gaps in your knowledge – at the end of each lecture make a note of any topics that didn't make sense and focus additional reading around these areas
 - Keep up-to-date with recommended reading
 - Make notes (in your own words) whilst undertaking recommended reading
 - Discuss the topics that have been covered during lectures / seminars with friends
 - Timetable yourself some 'revision time' each week
 - Each week set aside time to scan read previous lecture notes / hand-outs
 - Once a month set aside time to read through previous lecture notes in detail
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As the exam approaches

As your exam approaches spend more time revising. At this stage there are other revision strategies you should consider:

- Summarise lectures (make a list of bullet points and/or create a mind map)
 - Get hold of previous exam papers (if possible) – look at the topics that are addressed and focus reading around these areas
 - Practise completing previous exam papers (in exam conditions)
 - Form a revision group with friends
 - Talk about the topics you are revising – even if your listener is not familiar with the topic it will help you to identify any gaps in your knowledge
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Further information

The Learning Resources Study Hub provides a range of opportunities (such as workshops and drop-ins) for you to enhance your academic skills. For more information visit:

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