

REVISING FOR EXAMINATIONS

MAKE SURE YOUR NOTES ARE UP-TO-DATE AND ORGANISED

When revising, revise using the notes you have made during the module (from your reading and from lectures). This is less time consuming than starting to read books, articles and websites again from scratch. However, you are unlikely to be able to (or even want to) use your notes for your revision unless they are:

- Effective, in that they have all the main points in them. See: Reading and notetaking topic [[link](#) to Reading and notetaking students content sheet]
- up-to-date (keep them so as you progress through the module)
- sorted into some kind of order
- clearly labelled and in files
- stored where you can find them easily.

SELECT THE TOPICS YOU ARE GOING TO REVISE AND PRIORITISE THEM

It is not easy to select the topics you are going to revise, but here are some ideas:

- find out how many questions you have to answer in the exam and revise more topics than this. How many topics you revise will depend on how confident you are about what is going to come up in the exam.
- Your tutor may give you some hints about the topics which may come up, or you may get an idea from past exam papers (see below).
- prioritise the topics you are going to revise. See: Juggling workloads – some strategies [[Juggling workloads – some strategies info sheet](#)]

DRAW UP A REVISION TIMETABLE AND STICK TO IT

See: Time management topic [[link](#) to Time management students content sheet]
Juggling workloads – some strategies [[Juggling workloads – some strategies info sheet](#)]

MAKE USE OF PAST EXAM PAPERS

- Look at the instructions; for example, writing your student number at the top of each page so that marking is anonymous; and writing on one side of the paper only.
- Look at how the questions are worded. See also: Essay title analysing [[Essay title analysing info sheet](#)]
Do words in essay titles [[Do words in essay titles info sheet](#)]
- Do some practice questions under exam conditions; for example in a quiet place and timed. Your tutor may arrange mock exams for the whole class, or you can ask them for some practice questions you can try yourself.

USE A VARIETY OF MEMORY STRATEGIES WHICH SUIT YOU

See: Memory strategies [[Memory strategies info sheet](#)]