

EXAM ANALYSIS

REASON FOR WRONG ANSWER	WHAT THIS MEANS	WHAT TO DO DIFFERENTLY
"I studied this for memorization, not application."	These are very common reason for missing questions.	It is important to ensure that you're using active study skills such as:
"I misunderstood this concept"	This indicates that you need to change your study habits to understand concepts rather than just memorize them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating concept maps • Cornell Notes • Drawing figures • Forming study groups • Completing practice problems • Reading your lecture notes and assigned texts before class • Reviewing your lecture notes through active study strategies following class will help you understand concepts
"My notes were not an accurate representation of what was on the exam."	Notes are a guide to the topics and concepts that the professor believes are important, so this may indicate a need to review and improve note-taking skills.	It is vital to review notes after lecture as soon as possible through active studying techniques and compare them with textbook notes to fill in any gaps. It may also be helpful to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare notes with another classmate or study group to ensure you did not miss anything important • Attend Office hours • Book tutoring sessions • Complete practice problems
"I misread the question and/or the selection of answers."	This may indicate that you should review some basic test-taking strategies.	Some tips to help prevent this mistake: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circle and underline important words or phrases • Cover the answers while reading the question and come up with an answer before you look at the ones given • Answer the easier questions first • Use process of elimination when answering multiple choice questions
"I 'blanked' on this question."	If it is common that you are blanking on questions, or second guessing and changing your answers, it may be a sign of test anxiety	Booking an appointment with the Counseling Center will help learn strategies to combat test anxiety and increasing self-confidence. Additionally, these reasons can be improved by practicing good test taking strategies such as:
"I changed the right answer to the wrong one."	or a lack of confidence in yourself.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain-dumping (writing down everything you are worried you are going to forget as soon as the exam starts) • Engaging in active studying (ideas above!) rather than passive studying • Pacing your active studying throughout the week to truly understand and apply concepts rather than just trying to cram and memorize • Pairing habits with working in study groups will help you feel more confident in your knowledge