

3450:221-007 **Taking an Exam** Fall 2003

Below are highlights from *How to Ace Calculus: The Streetwise Guide*.¹

1. **Arrive on time.**
2. **Read the problems carefully.**
3. **Do the easier problems first.**
4. **Get partial credit.** Do not leave a problem blank. Write down *something* you know that is related to the problem. Also, if you can tell your answer came out wrong, briefly state how you know it's wrong: That shows more understanding than if you stop with the wrong answer.
5. **Don't erase in panic.** Draw a single line across your work instead.
6. **Don't leave early; check your work.** "Never, never, never (that's right, never) leave an exam early," says the *Guide*.
7. **Go over the exam when it's returned.** You want to understand your mistakes so that you don't make them again. [This goes for quizzes and homework, too.]

¹Colin Adams, Joes Hass, and Abigail Thompson, W. H. Freeman and Co., New York, 1998