SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDY AND QUIZ PREPARATION

1. Print out the appropriate study guide for material being covered that week.

2. Sit down with the study guide and your textbook. Then outline the chapter in a spiral or similar notebook using only the right side page.
   a. Note where you see terms mentioned in boldface, italics, figures or tables - especially if they are listed on a study guide.
   b. Come to class with this notebook and pay particular attention when I talk about important astronomers, equations, concepts, discoveries, etc. Re-emphasize in your notebook with checkmarks.
   c. If you have questions while preparing material write them on the left facing pages of your notebook. You can then ask these in class and write the answers there as well.

3. Go over the progress checklist and important terms list in your Companion book. Note with checkmarks in your notebook again when you see the same items already referred to in the textbook and class. You should be noticing by this time which items are being stressed. Use the chapter summaries, terms lists and review questions in your textbook to see that you are understanding the material.

4. Read through the OJTA site on the appropriate topic again noting in your notebook which items are being stressed. Play with any animations there.

5. Practice the quizzes from the OJTA site, those from the class webpage and those in the companion book. I have more practice test questions available in my office if you need more. Form study groups to do this if possible. They can help you find out if you really understand the material well enough to explain and answer quiz questions.

6. Finally, think about the big picture. What ideas, discoveries and problems in astronomy does the professor want you to take away with you from this course? That's going to be what is tested as well as specific facts. We want you understanding the universe around you not just memorizing factoids.

7. Watch a video on related material in the Astronomy Reading Room. This
can act as a review and you can gain extra credit by writing a two page report on it.

8. Most importantly, if you are having problems or need questions answered ask for help!