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Secret ChatGPT Codes for College

The five codes from the video, rewritten to take your real syllabus, your last quiz, and your own notes, plus the 16 others that cover understanding, organizing, remembering, and surviving the night before.

A syllabus is a list of everything the professor plans to test you on, and almost nobody uses it that way. The five codes at the top of this guide do. They take the real documents you already have, the syllabus, the quiz you got back, the notes you took, and turn them into predicted exam questions, a drill on exactly what you keep missing, a practice test, and a night-before plan.

Those five are the ones from the video, written out in full. The 16 after them are the rest of the code sheet: understanding a topic, seeing it, organizing it, remembering it, and testing yourself.

START HERE

Every code works the same way. Copy the prompt, paste it into ChatGPT, then paste in the thing it asks for (a syllabus, a quiz, your notes, or a topic). The five from the video want your real documents. Use the real ones. Made-up material gives you made-up results. They're written to come back as something you can screenshot, a board, a report, a grading card, because a screenshot on your phone gets studied and a wall of text doesn't.

GROUP 1 The Five From the Video

These five are built around the documents a college class hands you. Run them in this order at the start of a semester and the first one alone will change how you read a syllabus.

/likelyquestions : Paste your syllabus, get an exam prediction board

PROMPT

Act like the professor who wrote the syllabus below and is now writing [EXAM NAME]. Predict the 10 questions I should be most prepared for. Weight the topics by how much class time the syllabus gives them, the wording of the learning objectives, and what a professor in this subject usually tests.

Then create ONE high-resolution image: an exam prediction board that shows all 10 questions at once.

CONTENT

For each of the 10 questions include:

- A number badge, 1 through 10, ranked most likely first
- A short bold title naming the topic
- The question itself, written as a realistic scenario the way it would appear on the exam, 2 to 3 sentences
- A HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW likelihood tag, color coded
- A small "Key Concepts to Use" list of 2 or 3 terms I'd need in my answer
- One small icon that matches the topic

Mark the 3 highest-priority questions with a star and a highlighted border.

LAYOUT

Landscape image. Course name and exam name as a banner across the top. Ten cards in two rows of five, all the same size. A footer strip with three things: a "Study Smart" box with 3 short tips pulled from the syllabus's grading expectations, a "What to Remember" box with the exam format in one sentence, and the exam date if the syllabus lists one.

VISUAL STYLE

Clean white cards on a dark navy header, one accent color per likelihood level, bold readable titles, short text, plenty of white space, premium study-app look. No decorative filler.

Double-check every word on the board is spelled correctly.

Syllabus:

[PASTE YOUR SYLLABUS]

WHAT COMES BACK

One image with ten scenario questions on it. Save it to your phone the first week of the semester. It's the closest thing to the professor's exam you can get before the exam.

/weakspots : Paste the quiz you got back, get a weak-spots report, then drill only what you missed

PROMPT

Below is a quiz I took, with my answers and which ones were marked wrong. Analyze it and find the pattern in what I got wrong: one concept, one type of question, or one kind of mistake.

Then create ONE high-resolution image: a weak-spots report card.

CONTENT

- My score on the quiz, large, top left
- One line naming the pattern in my mistakes
- A horizontal bar for every topic the quiz covered, showing my percentage on that topic, sorted from strongest to weakest, green for 80% and above, yellow for 50 to 79%, red below 50%
- A "Study These First" box listing the 3 weakest concepts
- At the bottom, in the biggest text on the card: "Your #1 weak spot:" followed by the single concept I most need to fix

LAYOUT

Portrait image, like a report card. Score and pattern at the top, the topic bars in the middle taking most of the space, the #1 weak spot as a full-width banner at the bottom.

VISUAL STYLE

Clean white background, bold labels, one bar per topic with the percentage printed at the end of it, a small icon next to each topic, plenty of spacing, modern study-app look. Spell every topic name exactly as it appears on the quiz.

After the image, quiz me on the weak topics only, one question at a time. Wait for my answer, tell me if I'm right, explain in one line, then move to the next without asking if I'm ready. After 8 questions, tell me whether the weak spot is fixed or what to review next.

Quiz:

[PASTE THE QUIZ, YOUR ANSWERS, AND WHICH ONES WERE WRONG]

/teachback : Explain it in your own words, get a grading card like a professor would give

PROMPT

I'm going to explain [TOPIC] from memory, the way I'd explain it to a classmate. Ask me to start, then wait for my explanation.

After I explain, grade me like a college professor and create ONE high-resolution image: a grading card.

CONTENT

- My overall score out of 100, very large, in a circle at the top
- Three scored bars underneath: Accuracy, Completeness, Use of Terminology, each out of 100
- A green box titled "What You Got Right" with 2 or 3 short bullets
- A red box titled "What You Missed" listing the specific terms or steps I left out, by name
- A yellow box titled "Review This Next" with one line naming the single thing to fix first

LAYOUT

Portrait image, like a graded paper handed back. Topic name at the top, score circle under it, the three bars, then the three boxes stacked.

VISUAL STYLE

Clean white card, bold headings, color coded boxes, short bullets, a small professor or clipboard icon, plenty of white space. Spell every term correctly.

After the card, ask me to explain only the part I missed, and grade that one too. Keep going until I score 90 or higher.

/practiceexam : Paste your notes, get a timed test that looks like a real exam

PROMPT

Use only my class notes below to write a college-level practice exam. 20 questions: mostly multiple choice, with at least 4 application questions that make me use the idea, not just recall it. Match the difficulty of a real exam in this subject. Set a time limit based on the length and difficulty.

Create ONE high-resolution image: the first screen of the exam, laid out like a real online testing app.

CONTENT

- Header bar: course name, "Practice Exam," and the time limit with a clock icon
- A progress bar showing "Question 1 of 20"
- Question 1 written out in full
- Four answer choices labeled A, B, C, D, each in its own box
- A "Score: 0 / 0" counter in the corner
- Do NOT show the answer anywhere on the image

LAYOUT

Portrait image, phone-screen shape. Header at the top, progress bar under it, the question in the middle, the four choice boxes stacked below, score counter bottom right.

VISUAL STYLE

Clean, light background, one accent color for the header and progress bar, large readable question text, rounded answer boxes, modern testing-app look. Draw the boxes as part of the image, no fake buttons or arrows.

After the image, run the rest of the exam as text in the same layout: question number and progress, the question, four choices, then STOP and wait for my answer. After I answer, tell me if I'm right, explain in one line, update my running score, and go straight to the next question without asking if I'm ready. After question 20, show my final grade and which of my notes each missed question came from.

Notes:

[PASTE YOUR NOTES]

/lastminute : The night before, a ranked board of the ten questions that matter most

PROMPT

My exam is tomorrow. Use my syllabus section and notes below to identify the 10 questions I most need to be able to answer before the test.

Create ONE high-resolution image: a last-minute study board.

CONTENT

Three color-coded sections, stacked top to bottom:

- MUST KNOW, red. The 3 or 4 questions most likely to be on the exam.
- SHOULD KNOW, yellow. The next 3 or 4.
- IF I HAVE TIME, green. The rest.

Number the questions 1 through 10 across the sections, most important first. Under each question, one short line naming the concept it tests. Next to the MUST KNOW section, a small box: "If you only remember one thing:" and the single most important idea in one sentence.

LAYOUT

Portrait image. Exam name and date at the top. The MUST KNOW section largest, at the top. Each question on its own line with a checkbox so I can tick it off as I study.

VISUAL STYLE

Bold section headers on colored bands, clean white background, short text, checkboxes, a small clock or calendar icon in the header, easy to read at a glance on a phone. Spell everything correctly.

After the board, quiz me on the MUST KNOW questions one at a time. Keep the answer hidden until I try, then tell me if I got it and what I'd need to add for full credit.

Syllabus section and notes:

[PASTE YOUR SYLLABUS SECTION AND NOTES]

THE MOVE MOST PEOPLE MISS

Run `/likelyquestions` the first week of the semester, before anything is due, and save the output. Every exam that semester, you already have the professor's likely questions written down. Then run `/weakspots` the day each quiz comes back, while the mistake is fresh. The other three are for exam week.

GROUP 2 See It

The three visual codes. These are the ones that turn a topic into something on screen instead of another paragraph to read.

/flashcards : Turn a topic into a 6-card visual study sheet

PROMPT

Create ONE high-resolution image containing 6 highly visual educational flashcards about [TOPIC]. Choose the 6 most important concepts, people, parts, events, terms, formulas, processes, or ideas someone needs to understand this topic.

Arrange all 6 flashcards together in ONE image using a clean 3-column by 2-row grid. Each flashcard must feel like its own complete learning card, while all six share the same premium visual design language.

CONTENT

Choose 6 concepts that give the learner the strongest overall understanding of [TOPIC].

Order them logically:

1. Most foundational concept
2. Second essential concept
3. Important structure, process, or idea
4. Next major concept
5. Higher-level relationship or comparison
6. Final concept that completes the learner's mental model

For EACH flashcard include:

CARD NUMBER

Large concept or term name

WHAT IT MEANS: explain the concept in one short, simple sentence.

MEMORY TRICK: give one short mnemonic, association, analogy, phrase, or memory cue.

KEY IDEA: give the single most important takeaway in one short sentence.

VISUAL

Each card must contain one dominant visual that directly teaches the concept. Choose the visual format that best fits each individual concept. Examples include:

- Realistic 3D illustration
- Labeled anatomical or technical diagram
- Process graphic
- Timeline
- Map
- Before-and-after comparison
- Cause-and-effect graphic
- Flow diagram
- Object or scene
- Simple data visualization
- Side-by-side comparison
- Cutaway illustration
- Highlighted structure

Do not reuse the same generic visual on every card. Make each concept immediately understandable from the image alone. When useful, highlight the most important part and connect it to one or two short floating labels.

VISUAL STYLE

- Clean, light background
- Premium educational-app appearance
- High-resolution polished imagery
- Large bold titles
- One dominant visual per card
- Minimal text
- Strong visual hierarchy
- Plenty of white space
- Clean editorial typography
- Rounded card corners
- Subtle shadows and depth
- Small simple icons where useful
- Consistent typography and card structure across all six
- Consistent overall color system
- Different accent color for each card when useful
- Accurate educational visuals
- Professional, modern, sophisticated
- Avoid cartoonish or childish graphics unless appropriate for [TOPIC]
- Avoid generic app-dashboard graphics
- Avoid text-heavy layouts
- Avoid decorative filler

LAYOUT

Create one landscape image containing all six cards. Use this structure:

Top row: Card 1 | Card 2 | Card 3

Bottom row: Card 4 | Card 5 | Card 6

Each card should have approximately equal dimensions.

Within each card:

Top left: large numbered badge

Top: concept title

Left or lower-left: WHAT IT MEANS and MEMORY TRICK

Center or right: large concept-specific visual

Bottom: a clearly separated KEY IDEA section

Make the visuals large enough to remain clear when all six cards are viewed together. Keep supporting text short enough to remain legible.

Do not create navigation arrows, progress dots, carousel controls, buttons, or fake interactive elements. The final result must be ONE cohesive educational image showing SIX complete flashcards at the same time.

Topic: [TOPIC]

WHY THIS ONE IS SO LONG

Fill in your topic wherever you see [TOPIC] . That's the only edit. Everything else is doing a job. The VISUAL block is what stops ChatGPT from putting the same stock graphic on all six cards, the VISUAL STYLE block is what gets you something that looks like a real study app instead of a clip-art worksheet, and the last line is what keeps it from drawing fake buttons that don't do anything. It's tempting to trim this down. Don't. The length is the whole reason it works.

SCREENSHOT IT

Because all six cards come back as one image, you can save it straight to your phone and study from it anywhere, no app and no logging back in. That's the point of the grid instead of one card at a time.

/stickynotes : Turn a topic into a visual study board

PROMPT

Turn [TOPIC] into a highly visual sticky-note study board. Create 8 large sticky notes arranged like a clean study wall. Choose the most important concepts I need to understand and remember about the topic.

Each sticky note should:

- Cover one simple idea
- Use a short, bold heading
- Include no more than 1 to 2 short sentences
- Explain the idea in simple language
- Include a relevant icon, arrow, mini-diagram, symbol, or visual cue
- Use different soft colors so each note is easy to scan
- Keep the design clean and spacious
- Avoid long paragraphs
- Prioritize information most likely to matter when studying or taking a test

Organize the 8 notes like this:

1. Key concept
2. Key concept
3. Key concept
4. Key concept
5. Key concept
6. Key concept
7. How it works. Show an important process, sequence, relationship, cause and effect, or connection using arrows or a simple visual.
8. Memory trick. Create an easy mnemonic, shortcut, comparison, or memory cue for remembering the topic.

VISUAL STYLE:

Make the final result look like a colorful study board photographed from above.

Include:

- 8 large sticky notes
- Different soft colors
- Simple arrows connecting related ideas
- Small visual cues or mini-diagrams
- One larger visual representing the topic in the center
- Clear visual hierarchy
- Minimal text
- Plenty of spacing
- A polished, modern study aesthetic

Make the board understandable at a glance.

Topic: [INSERT TOPIC]

NOTHING TO REWRITE ON THIS ONE

This prompt already works on any subject. Fill in your topic in the two spots marked [TOPIC] and [INSERT TOPIC] , and ChatGPT picks the six key concepts for you. Notes 7 and 8 are the ones doing the real work, note 7 forces it to show how the pieces connect instead of listing them, and note 8 gives you the memory hook. Don't cut either one.

/quizme : Run an interactive quiz with a visual first question

PROMPT

Quiz me on [TOPIC] with 6 questions, one at a time. Choose the most important concepts I should know about this topic.

For Question 1 only, create one polished visual question. Choose the type of visual that best fits the topic, such as:

- Diagram
- Map
- Timeline
- Chart or graph
- Labeled illustration
- Historical image or scene
- Process graphic
- Object or structure
- Before-and-after comparison
- Other relevant visual

Use the visual as part of the question. For example, highlight something to identify, show a process to interpret, or present a visual clue I need to understand.

Under the visual, ask one short question and give me four choices: A, B, C, and D. Then STOP and wait for my answer.

AFTER I ANSWER:

- Tell me immediately if I am correct or incorrect
- Give me the correct answer
- Give me one short explanation of why
- Show my running score
- Then immediately show the next question
- Do NOT ask if I am ready
- Do NOT wait for me to type "yes"

QUESTIONS 2 THROUGH 6:

- Use text questions unless I specifically ask for another visual
- Give me four choices: A, B, C, and D
- Ask only one question at a time
- Wait for my answer before revealing the correct answer
- After I answer, give me immediate feedback
- Then automatically present the next question
- Gradually make the questions harder
- Test understanding, not only memorization

AFTER QUESTION 6:

- Show my final score out of 6
- Tell me which concepts I missed
- Briefly explain what I should review
- Give me one short study recommendation based on my results

Keep everything concise and easy to scan.

Topic: [INSERT TOPIC]

Start with Question 1.

WHY THE "DO NOT ASK IF I AM READY" LINE MATTERS

Without it, ChatGPT stops after every single question to check whether you want to continue, and a six-question quiz turns into twelve rounds of typing "yes." That one instruction is the difference between a quiz that flows and a quiz you quit halfway through. Leave it in.

THE MOVE MOST PEOPLE MISS

Run all three on the same topic, in order, in the same chat. `/flashcards` to meet the material, `/stickynotes` to see how the pieces connect, then `/quizme` to find out what actually stuck. Because it's one conversation, the quiz already knows what the flashcards covered, so it tests you on the right things instead of guessing.

THE ADD-ON **Make Any Code Below Visual**

The 13 codes that follow are written to produce text, because text is the right answer for most of them. But any of them can be pushed visual. Paste this at the end of any prompt in this guide:

PROMPT

Give me this as a visual instead of plain text. Use a clean, spacious layout with clear headings, color coding, icons, arrows, and diagrams where they genuinely help. Keep the text short inside each element. Make it something I could screenshot and study from directly.

That one line is why the three codes above work. They aren't magic commands, they're normal prompts with the visual instructions spelled out. Once you know that, every code in this guide has a visual version.

GROUP 3 Understand It

Start here when a topic doesn't make sense yet. Nothing else on this list works until this part does.

/simplify : Explain a hard topic in simple language

PROMPT

Explain [TOPIC] as if I am learning it for the first time. Avoid complicated language and unnecessary details. Break the topic into small steps, use simple examples or analogies, and point out the 3-5 ideas I need to understand before moving on to anything more advanced.

/teachme : Teach the topic step by step

PROMPT

Teach me [TOPIC] step by step like a great tutor. Start with the basics, then gradually move to the more difficult parts. After each major concept, give me a simple example and ask me one quick question to check whether I understand it before continuing.

/examples : Generate simple examples for a concept

PROMPT

Teach me [TOPIC] using examples. Start with the simplest possible example, then give me three more examples that gradually become more difficult. For each one, explain exactly how it connects to the concept. Finish by giving me one example to solve or explain myself.

/compare : Compare two confusing concepts side by side

PROMPT

Compare [TOPIC 1] and [TOPIC 2] in a simple side-by-side table. Include their definitions, similarities, differences, key characteristics, examples, and the easiest way to tell them apart on an exam. Finish with one memory trick that helps me stop confusing them.

/formula : Explain formulas and when to use them

PROMPT

Teach me the important formulas for [TOPIC]. For each formula, explain what it means, what every symbol represents, when I should use it, and give me one worked example. Also include the most common mistake students make when using each formula.

/timeline : Turn events into a chronological timeline

PROMPT

Turn [TOPIC] into a clear chronological timeline. Include the most important dates, events, people, causes, and consequences. Keep each timeline entry short and easy to remember. Highlight the events most likely to matter on an exam and finish with a quick cause-and-effect summary.

GROUP 4 Organize It

Turn what you now understand into something you can actually review later.

/studyguide : Turn any topic into a clear study guide

PROMPT

Create a complete study guide for [TOPIC]. Break it into the most important concepts, key terms, definitions, examples, and facts I need to understand for an exam. Keep everything simple, clear, and easy to scan. Highlight the information most likely to be important and finish with a short "What You Must Remember" section.

/keyterms : Extract key vocabulary and definitions

PROMPT

Extract the most important vocabulary from [TOPIC]. Create a list of the key terms I am most likely to need for a test. For each term, give me a one-sentence definition, a simple example, and one clue that helps me recognize it in an exam question.

/summary : Condense notes into the essential points

PROMPT

Summarize [TOPIC] into the smallest amount of information I need to understand the subject. Organize the answer into key ideas, important facts, essential terms, and must-know examples. Remove unnecessary detail and finish with a 5-bullet ultra-short recap I can review before an exam.

GROUP 5 Remember It

For the material that won't stick no matter how many times you read it.

/memorize : Create mnemonics and memory tricks

PROMPT

Help me memorize [TOPIC]. Identify the facts, steps, terms, formulas, or concepts that are hardest to remember and create simple mnemonics, acronyms, associations, or memory tricks for each one. Make the memory tricks easy to recall during an exam.

/mistakes : Show common mistakes students make

PROMPT

Show me the most common mistakes students make when learning or answering exam questions about [TOPIC]. For each mistake, explain why students make it, what the correct idea is, and how I can avoid making the same mistake. Finish with a short "Watch Out For These" checklist.

GROUP 6 Test Yourself

The part most students skip, and the part that actually moves your grade. Reading something again feels like studying. Being asked about it is studying.

/truefalse : Create rapid true/false practice

PROMPT

Create a 15-question true-or-false quiz on [TOPIC]. Ask me one statement at a time and wait for my answer. After I respond, tell me if I am correct and explain why in one sentence. Include some tricky statements that test common misunderstandings, not just obvious facts.

GROUP 7 Right Before the Exam

For when you're out of time and the only real decision left is what to skip.

/examcram : Pull out the 20% most likely to matter

PROMPT

I have an exam on [TOPIC]. Identify the 20% of information that will help me understand 80% of the topic. Focus on the concepts, facts, formulas, or ideas most likely to matter on a test. Explain each one simply and finish with a "Memorize These Before the Exam" checklist.

TIP

Download the PDF now, not the night before your exam. These only help if you remember they exist while there's still time to use them.

The takeaway

Twenty-one codes, and the five at the top are the ones that use what college hands you: the syllabus, the graded quiz, your own notes. That's the trick nobody tells first-year students. The professor already wrote down what's going to be on the exam. It's called the syllabus, and one prompt turns it into the questions.

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