Your Practical Guide to Final Exams

Before the Test
• Create an environment conducive to studying
  • Time management
• Schedule study breaks and sleep
  • Exercise
  • Prioritize
• Form study groups
• Free yourself from unnecessary responsibilities
  • Vary your study methods
  • Keep things in perspective

Tips for Multiple Choice Exams
• Read and answer the question before looking at the answer.
• Don’t keep changing answers, usually your first choice is the right one.
• If you see at least two correct statements, then “all of the above” is probably the answer.
• A positive choice is more likely to be correct than a negative one.
• Usually the choice with the most information is the correct answer.
• Eliminate answers you know aren’t correct.

Essay Exam Tips
• Read directions carefully. Answer the question you are supposed to answer.
• If you don’t understand what you are being asked, ask the professor for clarification.
• Write down everything asked of you and more. The more detail you include, the higher your grade will be.
  • Budget your time.
• If asked for facts, don’t give your opinion.
• Be as neat as possible. Neat paper = higher grade.
• If you aren’t exactly sure about something, use approximations.
Extended Library Hours

The Downtown Campus and Evansdale libraries will remain open for extended hours during Dead and Finals weeks.

The libraries will remain open continuously from 9 a.m. Sunday, April 26, until 8 p.m. Friday, May 1, and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 2. For Finals Week, they will open at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 3, and remain open continuously until 8 p.m. Friday, May 8. They will be open from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

For more info, check out the Libraries’ calendar: www.libraries.wvu.edu/hours

If you are planning on taking summer classes, be aware that the Evansdale Library will close this summer so that the facility can undergo an extensive renovation project. It will close after finals week on May 10 and reopen before the start of the fall semester. In the interim, students and faculty will be able to request books through the Libraries’ Book Express service. Items will be retrieved within 24 hours and will be available for pick up on the lower level of the library. Users will be able to obtain journal articles by requesting them through ILLiad, the Libraries’ Interlibrary Loan service. Materials will be digitized and delivered via email.

Finals Week Breakfast

Come into the lounge during finals week in the morning for doughnuts, muffins and juice to get your strength up for those tough exams! Brian will provide food in the mornings from Monday through Thursday.

And remember that the Commuter Lounge in 101 Purinton House is a great place to study for those final exams!

“Never, never, never give up.”
-Winston Churchill

So Long, Tara!

Be sure to stop by the Commuter Lounge next week to say goodbye to Tara, who is graduating with a master’s degree and moving on to her new career.

Thanks for the past two years, Tara!