Success Tips: How to Study for Exams

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With Thanksgiving steadily approaching, students may find themselves stressing about their grades and exams. Some students find that unlike high school, college exams require far more time, effort and preparation. It is essential that to avoid cramming and procrastination, you begin preparing for exams early. The sooner you begin studying, the better the results. Sometimes course material may seem a bit challenging to understand but seeking help in advance can be very beneficial. Professors and tutors are available to help clear up any questions and/or concerns students may have regarding a particular subject area prior to exams.

Here are some healthy exam tips:

1. Pay attention to important dates posted on the syllabus.
2. Take good lecture notes and outline key messages. Doing this early, saves time and gives you a general idea of the material being covered in the test.
3. Get Involved. Ask questions about key points that did not seem clear within the lecture.
4. Utilize the time you have wisely. Spend time reviewing material before and after class for clarity.
5. Plan out a number of hours needed to retain and comprehend the material.
6. Determine your learning style. A reliable “study buddy” can be useful to help with understanding difficult material.
7. Use your resources. If you are having a hard time understanding the material, set up a tutoring appointment or schedule an appointment to meet with your professor to allow yourself time to feel more confident about the material.

It isn't too late to get yourself back on track. Take your time and be proactive about your work. It may seem like a lot and you may feel a bit overwhelmed, but the end results are far greater in the long run.

Preparing for the Real World

Don’t have a resume? Having a hard time finding a job? Career Services works collaboratively with the EXCEL Center and Student Development to provide multiple resources for students on campus. These resources include:

- Student Employment
- Volunteer Services
- On-Campus Recruiting
- Career Employment
- Co-operative Opportunities
- Internship Opportunities

Professional decorum and time waster workshops are held to alleviate fears and help students feel more confident about the job search. Start now and get connected with Career Services to develop your skills, learn proven strategies to securing a tighter job search and making a good impression. Career Services is specifically for you and does their best to provide a solid program to point you in the right direction.

To learn more, come out to the workshop on November 11, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom 108.1

Understanding the Cultural Kaleidoscope

This was the first lecture presentation for the MAP series Understanding the Cultural Kaleidoscope Lecture. The purpose of the lecture series is to increase the cultural competencies of UWG Students and improve cultural climate on campus. It also develops students’ appreciation of how we are all connected despite cultural differences. During his discussion on October 13th, Dr. Neema Noori, assistant professor of Sociology, gave insight about the idea of Orientalism and the many misconceptions formed about the Middle East. As the son of an Iranian father, Noori presented an unbiased international perspective of the Middle East and Israel. He also made an attempt to break stereotypes in the media through pictures and video clips on daily life in the Middle East. The lecture also brought awareness to the oil conflict within the Middle East and the power struggles throughout the land.

The next Cultural Kaleidoscope event will be held on November 11th, 2009 in the Campus Center Ballroom 108.4 @ 6:30 p.m.
Faculty/Staff Spotlight

Dr. George Kieh

Political science professor from Grand Valley State University, Dr. George Kieh currently serves as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He says one reason he chose UWG is because it provided him with the opportunity to work with a university poised to make a giant leap to the next level.

As an administrator, he takes pride in helping to strengthen and expand various teaching, research and service programs within university communities. Dr. Kieh is passionate about teaching and research. As a teacher, he has taught thousands of students who have grown to make contributions to various communities. “The ultimate measure of your life on this earth is how well you serve others.”

In his spare time, Dr. Kieh likes to play table tennis and watch professional and college football and basketball. He also enjoys travelling the world to build relationships and contacts with different countries. He has travelled around the U.S., Africa, Latin America and Asia.

One of Dr. Kieh’s favorite quotes is by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “I do not judge people by the color of their skin, ethnic background or other social characteristics but by the context of their character.”

Student Spotlight

Jeanette Ruiz

Senior, Jeanette Ruiz began her study at UWG in 2006. With an avid passion in foreign language, Ruiz plans to obtain her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and German.

She currently volunteers for West Central Technical College where she helps Hispanics teach English. Ruiz is a member of the Latino Cultural Society, International Student Association and the German Club. She has also studied abroad in Chile, Germany and Argentina. “I think that every student should study abroad. It has changed my perspective on how I view the world and life.”

In her free time, she loves to cook, salsa dance and play the djembe. Throughout her education at UWG, Ruiz has been an award recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, 2008 winner of Big Night for Humanities division and the Nigel Award for Outstanding Foreign Language student.

Ruiz puts into action a quote from a song by Pj Harvey: “I’m not like other girls, you can’t straighten my curls.”

“I like it because it reminds me to be original and not to conform to certain expectations that society places on a woman.”

Latino Cultural Society

Game Night
November 18th; Campus Center 108.2 @ 7:00 pm.– 9:00 p.m.

Secret Santa Gift Exchange and Dinner
November 23; The Border Mexican Restaurant @8:00 p.m.

Multicultural Events

Trudy Dodson: Native American Preservation Assoc. of GA Inc (Life on the Reservation & Cultural Artifacts Display, Cultural Dance
November 10th; Row Hall – RM 212 @ 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Artist: Amos Paul Kennedy: Film Screening
Reception following:
November 12th; Campus Center 108.1 @ 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Mix It Up Day Lunch
November 10th Z-6 and UCC @ 11:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m.

Preparing for the Real World Workshop
November 11th; Campus Center Ballroom 108.1 @ 7:00 p.m.

MAP Academic Sessions

Study Groups Workshop
November 11th; Campus Center 108.3 @ 6:30 p.m.

How to Read and Understand Your College Text
November 18th; Campus Center 108.3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Semester Celebration
November 19th; Campus Center @ 7:00 p.m.