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STUDENT FAQ OF THE MOUTH:

- What are wild card General Education Courses and who can take them?
- Wild card Gen Ed courses are non-recurring classes that meet a specific general education area requirement. They focus on topics of special interest. Anyone can take a Gen Ed wild card course. These courses do not fall in a cluster and can be taken no matter which cluster you are in! The wild card general education classes offered next semester are:

Gned-150-001 (5:1) Appreciating computers

Gned-150-002/003(5:2) The sustainable earth

Gned-220-001(2:2) The American constitution

Gned-240-001(4:2) Sexuality studies

STUDY TIPS AND RESOURCES FOR FINALS!

Whether this is your first finals experience or your last, we have some great tips to make it the most successful experience possible. Here are some general things you should know:

- During the two weeks of finals (11/30–12/13) the **library is open 24 hours** a day so take advantage of the quiet study space (especially the 2nd floor—the designated quiet floor!)
- Visit the **Academic Support Center** for supplemental instruction (SI) or tutoring in courses that are especially troublesome for you.
- Go over all of the notes and readings that will be included on your exams and try and integrate them into one document. This will help to relate all material and further cement it in your mind.
- Review past exams/papers and focus your studying on your weakest areas.
- Know what each professor expects of you. Remember that professors ultimately want you to be successful so **ASK** if you are not sure about something.



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FALL SEMESTER CLOSEOUT: END OF SEMESTER CHECKLIST

We don't want you to forget anything important so your CAS peer advisors have come up with a checklist of academic proportions! Here is what you need to know to have a successful end to your Fall 2009 semester:

- Know your final exam schedule. (See "Important Reminders" on right for link)
- If you live in university housing, make sure you know protocol for winter break. Check with your RA for complete information.
- Check your "**student snapshot**" at my.american.edu for final grades (usually posted within 72 hrs of the final). This is also a good place to look and see if your schedule for next semester is correct and that your financial aid information is accurate.
- Continue to check your AU email over break for updates. (Especially if you are on any waitlists!)

- **12/4:** All classes end their regular meeting times.
- **12/7–12/12:** Final examinations. You can find the final exam schedule at: www.american.edu/provost/registrar/finalexamschedule/schedule.cfm
- **12/14:** Final examinations for classes that meet on Wednesdays.
- **12/15–1/10:** Winter break. No classes will be meeting.
- **1/11–1/25:** Add/drop period for spring 2010 classes.
- **1/11–1/25:** Monday-Friday, 9-5 p.m. Walk-in advising hours will be held by all CAS advisors.