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STUDENT FAQ OF THE MONTH:

Final exams are coming! What do I do?

Finals are an important part of any class and students sometimes find studying for them very stressful. Here are a few hints for keeping calm and acing your tests:

- Get extra assistance: going over the information with another person can be very helpful. Even if they are not in your class, teaching someone else the material helps cement it in your mind.
- Ask around. It is possible that your hardest classes have Supplemental Instruction sessions. (Check with the Academic Support Center for more information).
- Speak with the professor and TA if you have specific questions. They are your best resource when it comes to understanding course material!
- Remember to keep calm, breathe, get lots of sleep, and eat a good breakfast before the big exams!

SUMMER IS HERE! HOW ARE YOU SPENDING IT?

With the warm weather calling our names, it is hard for all of us to deny the fast-approaching summer vacation. In about a week, finals will be finished, dorms will be cleaned-out, and many of you will be headed home for a few months of respite before the fall semester begins again.

If you haven't already planned your summer, here are some ideas from the peer advising office:

- **Get a summer job!** This is a great way to build your resume and make some extra cash.

- **Volunteer** your time to those in need. Whether staying close to home or traveling to a foreign country, volunteering gives you a new perspective on the world.
- **Take a summer course.** Many are even offered online, so even if you chose to go home, you can still get AU credit over the summer. (see link in reminders.)
- **Travel!** Take a trip across town or across the world making discoveries about your community and yourself.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **4/27:** Spring semester study day, no classes.
- **4/28–5/4:** Final examinations. You can find the final exam schedule at: www.american.edu/provost/registrar/finalexamschedule/schedule.cfm
- **5/7:** Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony w/ reception to follow. (*By invitation only.*)
- **5/9:** College of Arts and Sciences Commencement Ceremony, 1pm.
- **5/10:** Summer courses begin. Check the summer session website at: www.american.edu/provost/registrar/summer for specific course information.

YEAR-END CLOSEOUT: END OF THE SEMESTER CHECKLIST

There are lots of things to remember at the end of the semester, so your peer advisors have come up with an end-of-the-year checklist:

- Time to move out of the residence halls. Check with your RA for complete information on move-out dates and protocol.
- Check your “**student snapshot**” at my.american.edu for final grades (usually posted within 72hrs of the exam). This is also a good place to

look and see if your schedule for next fall is correct and that your financial aid information is up to date.

- Continue to check your AU email over summer break for updates. (Especially if you are on any waitlists!)

Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall!

