It’s the Final(s) Countdown!!!
Last minute tips for Finals Week from Learning Commons Tutors

STUDYING FOR FINALS
• Make use of your study guides. If there is no study guide, MAKE YOUR OWN!
• Review old tests
• Re-work Homework Problems (don’t just “look” at them!)
• Make Flash Cards
• Organize and prioritize your schedule
• Take Breaks! (10 minutes for every hour of study)
• Caffeine: make use of it wisely
• Form study groups with classmates
• Use mnemonic, mental pictures and acronyms
• Use different study methods for the same concept: make it stick!
• Switch around your study place (this helps retention)
• Pick places to study where you are not distracted
• Study diagrams and figures

ON TEST DAY!
• DON’T FREAK OUT
• If you come to a difficult problem, mark it then come back to it if you have time
• READ DIRECTIONS
• Break down the questions into smaller parts
• Write down equations or information you know before you start the test
• Use the bathroom before you go into class
• Get plenty of sleep and don’t skip meals
• Don’t compare yourself to other test takers; focus on your own test and take the time you need to do well

NAIL THAT PAPER OR PRESENTATION!
• Practice, Practice, Practice!
• Don’t procrastinate starting your paper
• Set personal deadlines for each step of the writing process
• Write outline, first draft, then revise
• Have multiple people proofread your paper or hear your presentation
• Understand the expectations of the assignment
• Start with the research on longer papers
• Check references for reliability (visit a librarian!)
• Shut off distractions as you work