

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEWSLETTER

International Programs

University of Puget Sound

### Greetings from Editor

Hi all!

It's hard to believe the semester is almost over! Now it's time to face the fact that finals are around the corner — but don't panic! We are all on the same boat. Remember our campus provides abundant resources to get us on the right track and succeed the finals: Collins Library will be open 24 hours during finals week; The Writing Center is going to hold study sessions for all subjects and writing workshops for your papers; Your professors or TAs are always there to help as well. And our office is also trying to do something for you— so I have put together some study tips for finals at the end of this newsletter if any of you find them helpful ;)

Good luck on your finals!! And enjoy the well-deserved holiday after that!

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### The Writing Center now features...

- ◆ **Writing Marathon:** December 9 and 10, 6-10pm.

Writing advisors will be available on a first come, first served basis, but everyone arrives before 10pm will get an appointment and tasty snacks.

- ◆ **Drop-In Derby:**

Drop-in tutoring during reading days.

Language and Econ hours: **Thursday, December 12th 2-5pm.**

Science and Math hours: **Friday, December 13th, 2-5pm.**

- Location: *Howarth 109*, the Center for Writing, Learning and Teaching.

### Collins Library open 24/7 during finals week



- ⇒ Dec 9 –10: 9 am—open 24 hours
- ⇒ Dec 11: Closing at 2 am
- ⇒ Dec 12 –13: 7:30am—2am
- ⇒ Dec 14: 9am—2am
- ⇒ Dec 15 –19: 9am—open 24 hours

### Book Buyback & Donate

- ⇒ At the end of the semester there will be textbook buyback in our campus bookstore. Check if your books are wanted [here](#).
- ⇒ The Fall Buyback Hours: Monday – Saturday 12/16 —12/21  
9am—4pm Mon-Friday; 9am– 12pm Saturday. (UPS ID required)
- ⇒ There is a book collection bin located outside of the first-floor entrance to the Cellar at the South end of the SUB. These books will be reused and donated.

## December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Last Day of Classes	12	13	14
15	16 Final Week	17	18 Final Week	19	20 Meal services close @6pm	21 Residential facilities close
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### Rock Your Finals!

- Make a Study Plan
- Study with a group
- Get started early and proportion your study time to how hard the final is likely to be and how well you already know the material. Waiting until the last night can be disastrous.
- Form a study group if that makes sense. Attend the review session if there's one. Likely professors or TA will give you a window into the final!
- Find a Quiet Place
- Stay Calm and Carry on
- Study for finals takes a great amount of concentration. Find a place that is quiet, comfortable and distraction-free (no cellphone/fb).
- Stressing out over an exam is not helpful. Take a break when you get frustrated.
- Know your Exam
- Resources from:  
<http://www.upb.pitt.edu/uploadedfiles/final%20tips%20newsletter.pdf>  
<http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/professors-guide/2010/12/10/top-15-hot-tips-for-finals>
- Figure out what's covered, ask your professor for sample exam / review sheets. Is the exam going to be comprehensive/ cumulative?