

PAA TIP OF THE WEEK

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PREPARING FOR AND TAKING MIDTERMS

Hey Forbes...it's midterms week! It's going to be tough but you are not alone. Your PAAs, your RCAs, your classmates, your professors, and your DoS are all in this with you!

Here are a few hands-on approaches to tackling your midterms:

- **Scheduling!** Check your syllabus or email the professor to make sure you know exactly when your midterms are or when your papers are due! Better to let them know that you're confused now than to miss an exam or paper deadline.
- **Managing Multiple Exams:** Beware of having multiple exams on the same day. Unlike finals, there's less leeway for this kind of situation. (If your midterms conflict directly, talk to your professor or Dr. Andrews). You'll have to study different types of materials at the same time so consider your preferred approach...switching between classes frequently or concentrating on one class at a time -- different things work better for different people!
- **Reviewing for Exams:** Midterms are different from finals...**you still have to go to class and do regular homework**, so begin studying early! Many people find practice exams are the best way to prepare, especially for STEM classes. Try to simulate test-taking conditions - clear out an hour or two for the practice exam, and sit in a quiet room to see how much you know. Once you're done, go over the answer keys and learn from your mistakes! Next best option is going over PSETs and lecture materials. You should always ask yourself -- "what did the instructor prioritize?"
- **Writing Papers:** You've got this! Have you considered the Writing Center? They're very close to Forbes - right in New South, on the way to Whitman. Go at the start of your paper to brainstorm, through your draft process or at the end for final critiques - it's up to you. Make sure you cite your sources correctly and that you understand the professor's expectations from your argument.
- **Getting Help!** If you run into any roadblocks with studying, please remember -- you can make study groups with your friends, go to the McGraw Center, reach out to Dr. Andrews to secure a residential college peer tutor, or contact your PAA's in your "MyPAAs" GroupMe! We're all here to support you!

Some final wise words from local Forbesians...Make sure you SLEEP and EAT and last-minute cramming does not work, so start early!

**For additional academic support, check in with your PAAs
or have a chat with Dr. Andrews**

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