

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 tips for tackling midterms week:

- **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 than to miss an exam or paper deadline.
- **Managing Multiple Exams:** Beware of having multiple exams on the same day. If your midterms conflict directly, talk to your professor or to Dr. Andrews. You'll have to study different types of materials at the same time so consider your preferred approach...e.g. switching between classes frequently or concentrating on one class at a time.
- **Studying for Exams:** Many people find that practice exams are the best way to prepare, especially for STEM classes. Try to simulate test-taking conditions by setting aside an hour or two to take the practice exam and then go over the answer keys to learn from your mistakes! Another option is going over your PSETs and lecture materials. What does the professor prioritize? What questions are asked?
- **Writing Papers:** Have you considered the Writing Center? They're very close to Forbes - in New South, on the way to Whitman. Go at the start of your paper for brainstorming or the end for some critiques - it's all up to you! Make sure you are citing your sources correctly and that you understand what the professor is expecting from your argument.

Last-minute cramming does not work! Start studying early and don't forget to SLEEP, EAT & HYDRATE!

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

