Rounding Out the Semester

Wow! Can you believe it? There are only five weeks of classes left in the fall semester! Major props to you for making it this far! Now that you’re almost finished with the semester, it’s time to start thinking about the week of December 8th. Yep, that’s exam week! Unlike your liberal studies courses, the format and structure of exams tends to vary considerably in your major courses. It’s never too early to start thinking about them. In nearly every case, final exams are worth a big portion of your grade! Whether it’s a test, project, or something else, passing or failing it can make a big difference as to whether or not you pass the course!

Evaluate your progress so far. You can often figure out what you need to make on the exam to pass the course. In any case, hit the ground running and study when you get back from Thanksgiving break! Don’t spend all your time studying, though. We’ll have some great events going on before and during exam week to allow you to de-stress from studying for those exams. You’ll find many of those events highlighted in this newsletter. And of course, we’re here if we can help, so stop by and see us sometime!

**THINGS TO KNOW**

**Exam Schedules**
Just in case you’re curious, [here](#) is how the exam schedule looks for this semester. We wish you the best of luck on them!

**What’s on the Final, Anyway?**
Speaking of exams, there’s no doubt you’ve had ample practice when it comes to study skills. However, we know it’s been a while since you’ve taken a final exam. As mentioned, they can vary considerably; some cover everything you’ve learned this semester, while others resemble little difference from the tests you’re used to taking. Regardless, it’s never too early to find out the format of the exam. You’ll want to know, especially if it’s cumulative. That way, you’ll have plenty of time to organize your notes, and won’t get caught off guard when it comes time to study for them!

**Department of the Month: Writing and Learning Commons**
How’s that paper looking? Are you...
having difficulty with one of your classes? That’s okay! There’s help for you. The Writing and Learning Commons is located in the Belk building. As the name implies, they’re here to help you with your essays, and provide you with tutoring in many classes. If you’re having trouble, they’re the place to go to! Visit their website to get started!

**Eye on AI**
Have you ever wondered what constitutes plagiarism on an academic assignment? Do you know what’s in the academic integrity policy? You wouldn’t want to fail a class because you unknowingly violated the policy, would you? The Department of Student Community Ethics is here to help! Find out what’s really plagiarism at the Eye on AI program next Wednesday (November 13th) at 5 PM in the Catamount Room in the UC. Enjoy trivia games and free food!

**Football/ Basketball Games**
Time’s running out for you to check out a football game here at Western! Our last home football game is against Furman on Saturday, November 16th. Of course, November can only mean one thing: basketball season is starting! We’ve got a few home basketball games highlighted in this newsletter, but you can find the complete list on the athletics website. Don’t forget to print off your student ticket before the game!

**Whee Takeover**
We know exam week can be a stressful time. That’s why we’re here to help relieve you of some of that stress. Our Whee Takeover event is happening once again during exam week! Enjoy free food, fun, and more on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the UC. Yup, whee are taking over the building during exam week for some FUN! Be on the lookout for more information soon!

**Holiday Events**
It’s never too early to start thinking about the holiday season, right? Halloween has just ended, which means Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner! Since we know you’ll be long gone for Christmas, we’re planning events to get you in the holiday spirit before you leave for home this December. Be on the lookout for more information concerning the madrigal dinner, holidays at the UC, and more soon!

**Junior Jamboree**
Okay, juniors... it’s your turn! This semester, we took time to recognize those sophomores who made the Dean’s List this past spring semester. Now it’s time to recognize our juniors who made the dean’s list! Our Junior Jamboree event will be happening next semester. It’s a way to congratulate you for all your hard work. So, if you make the Dean’s List this semester (and we know you will), be on the lookout for an invitation to this event in January!