POKE NOTES

Finals, Your Health, Holiday Break, and Spring 2020 Deadlines!

Congratulations on completing your first semester of college—it is December, so you are almost there!

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This issue has information related to finals, holiday break, academic probation, your health (flu shots), and Spring Semester 2020 deadlines. The December 2019 Newsletter should help you to be successful through your finals and your transition into next semester—as always, you can access Poke Notes on the LeaRN First Generation page.

In addition to the ones noted on the image above . . . .

- Form a Study Group of 4-5 People
- Administer Self-Tests
- Consider Your Study Location
- Don’t Cram!
- Ask For Help When You Need It

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Remember to practice self-care and ask for help during finals week!

Tips for Final Papers
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- Read your paper aloud to yourself, friends, or family—you can catch a lot of grammar and run-on sentence concerns doing this! You will also be able to see if your organization is sound.
- Avoid filler words in your final draft—examples: there are, there is, there were, it is, it was—by avoiding these words your final draft will gain clarity
- Eliminate wordiness overall—can you say what you mean with fewer words? If the answer is yes, trim your sentences down. Your first draft will be messy and unorganized, just get your ideas down on paper. As you revise, keep eliminating repetitive or unnecessary words.
- Proofread your final draft before submitting it (reading aloud again might be helpful here). Spending 15 minutes re-reading your writing may help you find any last minute errors. By being deliberate when you read each word, you may find areas with missing words and sentence structure issues. This could ease your mind after submission because you know you took the time to address easy fixes in your writing.
- Schedule a time to meet with your instructor or the UW Writing Center to clarify any questions or concerns you have before the paper is actually due. These resources are on campus to specifically help you with your writing process, utilize them. Visit Purdue OWL, UNC Writing Center Tips and Tools, or any other writing resource online to help you better understand any of your writing concerns. If you are unsure how to navigate these websites, ask one your instructors, a friend, or the library how these online writing resources can help you.
Spring Semester 2020 Deadlines & Dates to Remember

January 24th—Residence Halls Open for Spring 2020
January 27th—First Day of Classes (late registration and add/drop periods begin)
January 30th—Last Day to Add, Change Sections or Change Grading Options in Semester Courses (strictly enforced)
February 5th—Last Day to Drop Semester Courses (strictly enforced)
February 5th—Last Day to Make Changes to Health Insurance Selection
February 14th—Tuition/Fees Due (strictly enforced) - for additional information on payment deadlines or to discuss a payment plan please visit the Financial Services Business Office (Knight Hall 250)
March 13th—Mid-semester

All dates and deadlines accessible via the University of Wyoming Registrar Office.