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## Library hours

**Fall 2014 semester**

(through December 12, 2014)

**Monday-Thursday**

**9:00am-8:00pm**

**Friday**

**9:00am-5:00pm**

**Saturday**

**1:00pm-4:00pm**

**The Library is closed for Chapel, and on holidays.**

**The Library will be closed Wednesday, December 24, 2014 through Saturday, January 3, 2015,**

**Reopening Monday, January 5, 2015**

## Library telephone

**671.734.7738**

## Library website

**[www.piu.edu/academic/library/](http://www.piu.edu/academic/library/)**

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## Ten Tips for Studying for and Taking Final Exam

The Fall 2014 Semester is coming to a close. A lot has occurred for all of us here at PIU this semester: friendships made and strengthened, challenges, PIU events, 5ks, opportunities, and growing in our love and knowledge of God.

There is one final activity—FINAL EXAMS!

The digital photo frame in the Library has ten study tips for preparing for final exams. Here are another look at ten tips for taking final exams:

**Step 1** Ask your professor about the material covered on the exam if he doesn't offer up the information. Determine if the exam covers the entire semester or only a few chapters. Ask about the type of questions you'll see on the test. For an essay exam, focus more on general ideas and connections in the material rather than specific facts. For multiple choice, short answer or true/false, commit facts to memory.

**Step 2** Schedule your study time at least two weeks before finals. Mark all of the final exams on your schedule so you know when they are. Divide your study time between each of the classes. Break down the material for each class so you cover everything. For example, if you're covering eight chapters for a certain class, assign one chapter to each day over the course of eight days. Allot more time to the classes that are likely to have more difficult finals.

**Step 3** Cut time wasters as you study for finals. Take a break from TV shows, limit your social engagements and cut back your hours at work if possible. Leave activities that reduce stress, such as exercise, in your schedule.

**Step 4** Mark facts that you know and do not know in your notes as you study. Develop a marking system. For example, mark known material with a check and info you need to study more with a star. Create a "last-minute cheat sheet" for those items that you can review the night before the exam.

**Step 5** Get a good night's sleep the night before the exam so you are rested and focused. When you cram for an exam the night before, you are much more stressed out and lose a lot of sleep. Your mind has a hard time focusing on the material. Pack all materials the night before so you don't have to scramble in the morning.

**Step 6** Set your alarm early the day of your final exam. Eat a healthy breakfast so you aren't distracted by hunger. Arrive to the exam location early so you don't feel rushed. Review your "last-minute cheat sheets" so the key facts are fresh in your head.

**Step 7** Settle yourself in your seat. Breathe deeply and remind yourself that you are prepared for the exam. Get out your pens and paper so you can start the test right away. As soon as you get the exam, write down from memory any formulas or concepts that will help you perform better on the final exam.

**Step 8** Read through each question completely. Answer easy questions first so you get those answers out of the way. This leaves the rest of your time to tackle the difficult questions. On multiple choice, read all of the answer options even if you think you found the correct one. For essay questions, create a simple outline of your answer before you start writing to ensure you cover all of the relevant information.

**Step 9** Monitor the time as you take the final exam. You don't want to rush, but you also don't want to run out of time. If you get finished early, go back through all of the questions to check the answers. Proofread essay answers.

**Step 10** Celebrate surviving finals week after your last exam. You can't change the outcome of your finals anymore, so don't waste your time stressing about it.

Source:

<http://classroom.synonym.com/survive-during-final-exams-college-high-school-4992.html>



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Wishing every-  
 one a blessed  
 Christmas  
 as we  
 celebrate  
 the  
 Greatest Gift  
 of all

As the semester ends, the Library wants to thank the WeServe students for their contributions to the Library's service this semester:  
 Addie, Caroline, Janny, Joysee, Marilyn, Mary Jane, and Timerina

Culturally Relevant Books

Library Director Paul Drake attended the 24th Annual Conference of the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) in Koror, Republic of Palau November 10-14, 2014. (Also in attendance were people from Emmaus and Bethania high schools in Palau).

He presented a session on culturally relevant books, using children's books as examples. Culturally relevant books reflect the community's values and as well as everyday life. People can identify with the stories and settings, from the clothing worn and the food eaten to events in local life.

The PIU Library has added five culturally relevant books to the Family Collection:

- Too many mangos; a story about sharing* by Tammy Paikai and Don Robinson
- Kohola king of the whales* by Vince Daubenspeck
- Something different, something new* by Ginger K.G. Kamisugi
- A Coconut named Bob* by Austin Weaver
- Whose slippers are those?* by Marilyn Kahelewai

**PIU Library's Mission Statement:**

*To support the academic programs of the school with books, media, research materials, and online access;*

*To help students develop effective research and information gathering techniques using a variety of traditional and electronic resources;*

*To serve as a resource to the local supporting church community and Christian school*

**Donations, Some new books, and Friends of Library**

The Library collection continues to grow in large part to generous **donations**.

The Library maintains a **wish list** of titles requested by faculty and staff. To make a donation or possibly give a book on the Wish List, contact Library Director Paul Drake at [pdrake@piu.edu](mailto:pdrake@piu.edu)

Here are a few of the **new titles**: (full list posted on library website)

- College success tips for adult learners.*
- Marine environments of Palau* by Patrick L. Colin
- The Healthy way to cook book* (SDA\_Guam)
- The Equipping of disciples* edited by John Hendrix and Lloyd Householder
- Leadership, teaching and making disciples; world-class Christian education in the church, school and home* by Michael R. Mitchell
- New Testament foundations; a guide for Christian students* by Ralph P. Martin
- Diving and snorkeling guide to Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands* by Tim Rock
- Starting missional churches; life with God in the neighborhood* edited by Mark Lou Branson and Nicholas Warne
- How to think theologically* by Howard W. Stone and James O. Duke
- Biblical models for leadership* by Elmer Towns
- 101 questions to ask before you get engaged* by H. Norman Wright

Show support by becoming a **Friend of the Library** and be able to borrow books from the largest theological collection available to the public in Micronesia.

Join now and there is a special rate of \$19.00 for membership through July 2015.

Application form available on the Library's webpage: <http://www.piu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/PIU-Friends-application-form.pdf>