**Important Dates:**

- **December 12-20:** Final Exams
- **December 13:** Finals Breakfast
- **January 1:** Last day to register for J-Term classes
- **January 2:** J-Term classes begin; last day to drop without a "W"
- **January 9:** Last day to drop a J-term class with a "W" (not a "WF")
- **January 13:** J-Term classes end
- **January 17:** First day of Spring semester classes
- **January 23:** Late registration ends; last day to drop a class without a "W"

**Sound Advice**

**Final Exam FAQs**

1. **I have 3 finals in one day. Can I reschedule one of them?**

   No. If you have three final exams in one day, you must take them at their scheduled times. If you have four in one day, you may contact your advisor about rescheduling one exam. Note: a “final exam” does not include papers due on a particular day or an in-class presentation.

2. **When will my final grades be posted in LOCUS?**

   Your final grade should be posted 72 hours after the exam.

3. **I am graduating in December. When will I get my degree? When will I get my diploma?**

   Your degree will be conferred in January, once all final grades have been posted and your degree has been processed. You can expect your diploma to arrive at your permanent mailing address in March or April.

4. **Finals make me hungry. Will there be any free food provided during finals?**

   Yes! The Fall Finals “Breakfast” is on December 13th at 9:30PM in the Gentile Arena. Yes, this is an **evening** breakfast.

5. **I can’t sit in my apartment and study any more. Where are some good places to study?**

   Check out the IC, the library (Loyola or public), Metropolis, other local coffee shops, student lounges around campus—academic buildings as well as residence halls, 24-hour diners, or ask your friends for their favorite study spots.

**January Term 2012 Tips**

**J-Term Runs January 2nd-13th**

- http://www.luc.edu/januaryterm/

- Be prepared to clear your calendar during J-Term— you will be very busy with class and assignments.

- Make sure to attend every class session; each one will cover a significant amount of material due to the condensed nature of the course.

- If you have questions, ASK your instructor. Do not procrastinate or you will get behind.

- Remember to get enough sleep, eat well, and maintain a healthy lifestyle during these crazy two weeks. Avoid the flu!

**Attention December Graduates:**

Are you graduating in December? Don’t forget to join us for a celebratory brunch for all winter graduates! The brunch will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th** from 9-11am in McCormick Lounge, Coffey Hall.

Check your e-mail for your Evite and RSVP if you haven’t already done so! Haven’t gotten the Evite? Contact your advisor.

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NOTE: Make sure to include your name, e-mail address and phone number in your nomination.

Send nominations to Cheryl Sporlein, CAS Dean's Office, SC 235, LSC or e-mail csporle@luc.edu. Nominations are being accepted now and will continue to be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012.