# Sound Advice

## Final Exams

**Final Exam Schedule**

Final examinations are given during the scheduled examination period in each session. Students are expected to take their exams as scheduled. If a student needs to deviate from the exam schedule in any way, the student must contact the CAS Dean’s Office. Only students with four or more exams on a given day may contact the CAS Dean’s Office (Sullivan 235). While we understand that three exams in one day is a lot to manage, we suggest you prepare well ahead of time and focus on staying organized. Besides, think how good you’ll feel once that day is over—Sweet freedom!

**Final Grades**

Professors should submit final grades 72 hours after an exam. Be sure to check LOCUS to confirm that your final grades are entered and accurate.

**Incompletes**

Generally, Incompletes are granted for students who have extenuating circumstances arise near the end of the semester. They’ve completed the majority of the coursework and just need more time to finish the remaining assignments. If you are interested in requesting an Incomplete, please contact your instructor. Incompletes are arranged between an instructor and a student, so you must work with your instructor to determine if this is an option for you. Please note that Incompletes are at the discretion of the individual instructor. If your instructor does not think an Incomplete is appropriate, that’s their decision.

*Incompletes are not an option if you are trying to make up an entire semester’s worth of work.*

*Students on probation are not permitted to request Incompletes.*

## Study Tips

- Start early!
- Find a quiet and comfortable place to study. Get out of your room/apartment.
- Get organized. Before you dive in, make sure you have all your notes, books, past assignments, etc. at your disposal.
- Study groups can be a great way to prepare for an exam and can make studying more fun. It’s always good to get a new perspective and have a dialogue about course material.
- Be good to yourself during finals. Eating well (healthy foods, regular meals), getting enough sleep, and staying active will all help you perform at your best.
- Be realistic about how much you can fit into a day or a week. Information is best learned over time, not through cramming. Like most things, quality is more valuable than quantity when it comes to studying.

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## Important Dates and Deadlines

- **April 27:** Spring 2012 classes end
- **April 30-May 8:** Final Exams week
- **May 2:** Study Day
- **May 10:** Honors Convocation
- **May 11:** Graduation!
- **May 21:** Summer school session A classes begin
- **July 2:** Summer school session B classes begin
- **August 27:** Fall semester begins!

(Billy Madison, anyone?)

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Chicago Summer Fun

- Ravinia Festival
- Chicago Sport Social Club – get a team together to play beach volleyball, softball, etc.
- Head to the beach – Chicago has a bunch of great beaches to check out.
- Explore a neighborhood festival – there are over 400 to choose from.
- Go on a short road trip. Six Flags, Wisconsin Dells, and Milwaukee Summerfest are a few ideas.
- Chicago has amazing farmer’s markets over the summer – get some fresh produce and homemade goodies!
- Eat outside. Grill in your backyard or go out to eat and sit on a patio. Either way, enjoy the short summer that we have.
- If you haven’t been, visit the Waterfront Café on Sheridan Rd, just a block from campus.
- The Taste of Chicago will be July 11-15 this year. This is a long-standing Chicago tradition and should be experienced at least once!

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Graduation Ceremony Info

If you are attending the graduation ceremony and have not done so already, you need to RSVP ASAP on CVENT. The last day to register on CVENT is Monday, April 30th.

Claiming Guest Tickets

In addition to confirming your attendance at the ceremony, you must also reserve and print your guest tickets through the CVENT system. Tickets are in an e-ticket format, so you must print them yourself. All of your guests must have a ticket to attend the ceremony, but as the graduate, you do not need a ticket. You will receive a total of four (4) tickets – NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.

Day of Ceremony Instructions

If you are attending the Arts ceremony, please arrive at 9am. If you are attending the Sciences ceremony, please arrive at 3pm. Graduates should meet in the Rambler Room, located in the Centennial Forum (CFSU). Your guests should proceed directly to the Gentile Arena.

Parking Pass Info

Each graduate will receive one parking pass. This pass will only admit one vehicle into the parking structure. If your family is taking two cars, the second car will need to find parking elsewhere. Carpool, walk, take the CTA. Passes can be picked up at the CAS Dean’s Office, Sullivan 235, April 30-May 8, 9:00am-4:30pm. You will need to present your student ID at time of pick-up.