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JAN TERM 2016

Enrollment opens November 2 via my.SMU If you are planning on enrolling for

Jan Term 2016, contact your DASS coordinator now! Due to the fast-paced mini-term, it is important to have your letters and accommodations in place sooner than later. Classes will start on January 4th and having your letters requested and delivered ahead of time will help you stay on track.

FINALS at DASS

Online scheduler is open from 11/2–11/24 to schedule finals

You should be speaking to your instructors about how your accommodations will be handled for final exams. If your instructor has already directed you to take it at DASS, you can schedule it yourself starting Nov. 2nd! The sooner you make your arrangements, the better because our time blocks for finals testing fill up. The deadline for scheduling a final with DASS is officially Nov. 24th, but again, many time blocks will not be available by that point. Scheduling an exam at a different time from the class requires approval from your instructor. Follow the link below for instruction on scheduling a final. Finals testing is done differently than regular semester testing so please review the details at http://www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS/DisabilityAccommodations/ **TestProctoring**

Last Day to drop a class with a grade of W is Friday, November 6.

Virtual Career Fair for Students with Disabilities Connect with employers who are looking to hire people with disabilities such as Southwest Airlines, UPS, Verizon and more. Nov. 10th, free www.careereco.com/register/disability

'Mental Patient' Halloween costumes: a guide to dressing accurately

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The Students for New Learning Group meets tonight, October 27, at 5:30pm in ALEC Room 217 to discuss the best classes for Spring 2016, as well as notes and note takers. All SMU students with learning differences are invited. Pizza and drinks will be served.



Your Most Important Final Exam Resource?

YOU!



The final exam is a critical part of your grade. Often, finals are cumulative, covering huge amounts of information; plus they count for so much that they can drop or raise your grade by, at the very least, a letter. Mapping out a study plan during the finals period is critical, but don't forget that while making flashcards, attending study groups, and completing practice tests are great, your most valuable resource is you. You have to be at top mental form to do your best, and that means taking care of your body. Plan your study time, but don't forget to also plan a good night's sleep (at least 4 hours, but preferably 7-8), nutritious meals (at least 2 a day), and aerobic exercise (20-30 minutes) during this time. Keeping up a healthy routine of sleeping, eating, and exercise will lower your stress, improve your concentration, and

maximize your chances for good grades on the your finals.

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