



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Academic Success Center**

*2157 Hixson-Lied Student Success Center*

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Iowa State University campus, featuring the Old Capitol building with its prominent dome on the left and other university buildings in the distance. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. A thin, horizontal orange line is positioned below the main text.

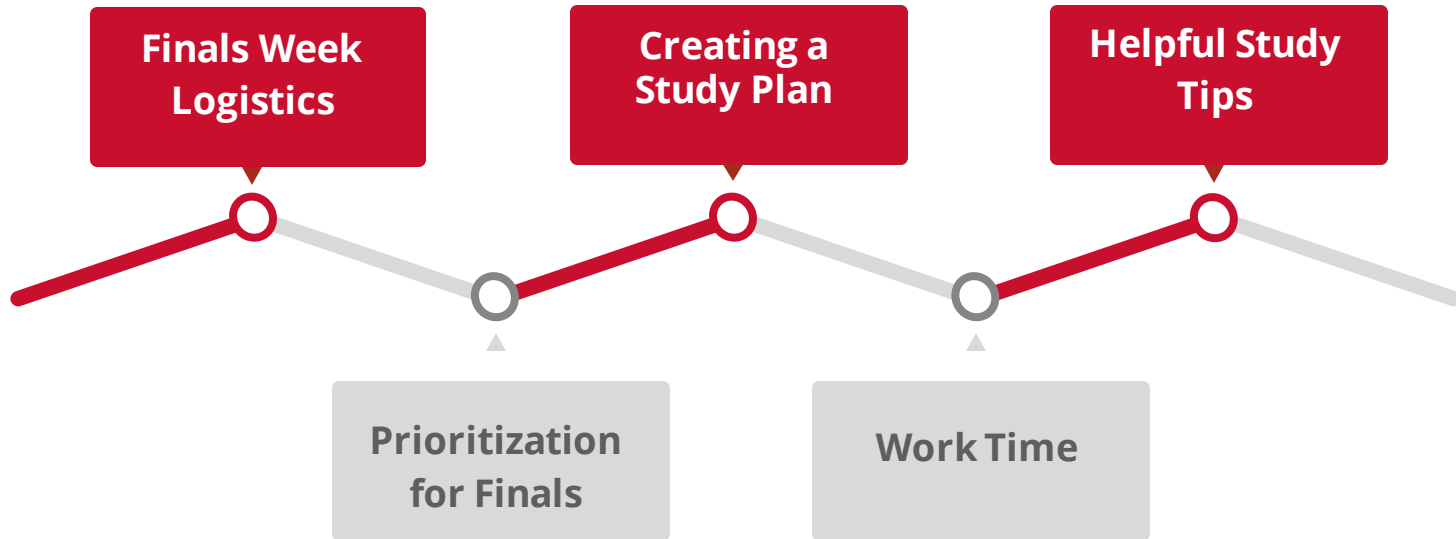
# Preparation for Finals

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# Objective & Roadmap

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Introduce ways of getting organized, planning your time, and breaking down tasks to set yourself up for success on your finals.



# Finals Week Logistics

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<b>Final #1:</b>		<b>Cumulative? Yes or No</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location:</b>			
<b>Format:</b> <small>(circle all that apply)</small>	Multiple Choice	True/False	Essay/Short Answer	Problem Solving	Paper/Project
<b>Material Covered on Final:</b> <small>(List topics or chapters below)</small>					
<b>Current Grade in Class:</b>		<b>Final Counts for what % of Grade?</b>			

For each final, indicate:

- The course name
- Whether it is a cumulative final or not
- The date, time, & location
- The format of the final
- The material the final covers
- Your current grade in the course
- What % of your grade the final is worth

<https://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/exams/springexams>

# Prioritization of Finals

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For each final, consider:

- Challenge level
- Current Grade & Percent of Grade
- Order/Sequence/Date
- Knowledge/Comfortability level with the material
- Quantity of material covered, and roughly how much time you'll need to study it all.

With all of this in mind, determine the relative priority level for each final, as compared to the others, write them in order, and indicate when you want to start studying.

Finals Priority List	How far in advance do you want to start studying?
#1	
#2	
#3	
#4	
#5	
#6	
#7	



## ***Creating a Study Plan***

*What are some ways you might go about creating a finals study plan based on the information we have covered so far?*

# Strategies for Creating Your Study Plan

Finals To-Do List

SUNDAY 12/8	MONDAY 12/9	TUESDAY 12/10	WEDNESDAY 12/11	THURSDAY 12/12	FRIDAY 12/13
What is due today?	What is due today?	What is due today?	What is due today?	What is due today?	What is due today? JLNC 100 Points Spanish 1000 project
To Do #1: Study chapters 7 & 8 of JLNC 100	To Do #1: Study chapters 5 & 6 of PSNM	To Do #1: Review chapters 7-10 for JLNC 100	To Do #1: Study chapters 7 & 8 for JLNC 100	To Do #1: Study chapter 7 of PSNM	To Do #1: Review chapters 7-10 for JLNC 100
Time Est: 90 min	Time Est: 40 min	Time Est: 60 min	Time Est: 40 min	Time Est: 90	Time Est: 40
To Do #2: Study Chapter 8 for PR	To Do #2: Study chapters 9 & 10 of JLNC 100 + review chapters 7 & 8 of JLNC 100	To Do #2: Review chapters 5 & 9 for PR	To Do #2: Study chapter 10 for PR	To Do #2: Study chapter 11 of PR	To Do #2: Review chapters 8-11 for PR
Time Est: 30 min	Time Est: 60 min	Time Est: 30 min	Time Est: 50 min	Time Est: 30	Time Est: 40
To Do #3: Write 3 paragraphs for Spanish	To Do #3: Study Chapter 9 for PR + review chapter 8 for PR	To Do #3: Review chapters 5 & 6 for PSNM	To Do #3: Study Chapter 9 for PSNM	To Do #3: Study chapters 9 & 10 for JLNC 100	To Do #3: Review chapters 6-7 of PSNM
Time Est: 45 min - 60 min	Time Est: 45 min	Time Est: 30 min	Time Est: 30	Time Est: 40	Time Est: 40
To Do #4:	To Do #4: write 3 paragraphs for Spanish	To Do #4: write 2 paragraphs for Spanish	To Do #4:	To Do #4:	To Do #4:
Time Est:	Time Est: 45 min - 60 min	Time Est: 30 min	Time Est:	Time Est:	Time Est:

## Finals To-Do List:

- Keep track of your due dates and to-do lists
- Prioritize your tasks
- Plan well in advance
- Specificity is key!

# Strategies for Creating Your Study Plan

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:00 AM							
7:00 AM	WAKE UP		WAKE UP		WAKE UP		
8:00 AM	Biol 211		Biol 211		Biol 211	WAKE UP	WAKE UP
9:00 AM	GYM	WAKE UP	GYM	WAKE UP	GYM	WORK	STUDY MATH 165
10:00 AM	FREE	YOGA	FREE	YOGA	FREE		Biol 211
11:00 AM	MATH 165	LUNCH	MATH 165	LUNCH	MATH 165		FREE
12:00 PM	ENGL 150	FREE	ENGL 150	FREE	ENGL 150		
1:00 PM	LUNCH	SPAN 97	LUNCH	SPAN 97	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
2:00 PM	Biol 211		ENGL 150		STUDY Biol 211	STUDY ENGL 150	WORK
3:00 PM	MATH 165	STUDY SPAN 97		STUDY SPAN 97			
4:00 PM	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	
5:00 PM	STUDY Biol 211	STUDY SPAN 97	STUDY Biol 211	STUDY SPAN 97	STUDY MATH 165	STUDY MATH 165	
6:00 PM	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	
7:00 PM	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	DINNER
8:00 PM		STUDY Biol 211		STUDY MATH 165	STUDY MATH 165	STUDY Biol 211	STUDY SPAN 97
9:00 PM	STUDY MATH 165		STUDY SPAN 97		SPAN 97		FREE
10:00 PM	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	
11:00 PM	SLEEP	SLEEP	SLEEP	SLEEP	SLEEP	SLEEP	SLEEP
To-Do List →	- Biol 211 - Unit 1 - Math 165 - Unit 1	- Span 97 - Unit 1/2 - Biol 211 - Unit 1/2	- English Essay pages 1 & 2 - Biol 211 - Unit 2	- Span 97 - Unit 1/2 - Math 165 - Unit 2	- Biol 211 - Unit 1/2 - Math 165 - Unit 1 - Span 97 - Unit 1	- English Essay pages 3 & 4 - Math Review - Bio Review	- Math Review - Bio Review - Span Review

Weekly Schedule:

- Very effective during busy weeks
- Visualize your days
- Best way to see when you have time to study
- Specificity is key!



A top-down view of a desk setup. On the left is a closed brown notebook. In the top center is a pencil. On the right is a sheet of white graph paper. The bottom half of the image is a solid red banner containing text.

## ***Work Time***

*Spend some time working on the packet, and ask questions!*



## Helpful Study Tips

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1. Plan ahead and break material into smaller chunks
2. Prepare + Review (Course Material Breakdown-Style Study Plans)
3. Take Breaks! (Pomodoro Technique)
4. Reward yourself!
5. Be mindful of your productive environment and avoid distractions
6. Take time to rest and relax

# Post-Workshop Survey

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