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WHILE YOU PEE IN LEE

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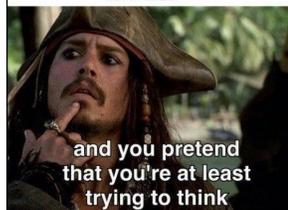
Surviving the First Round of Tests



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At this point in the semester, a lot of classes are starting to give their first tests of the year. It can be a stressful time, especially if you have multiple tests in the same week – or worse, on the same day. Below are my tips for individual classes.

When the teacher is watching you during a test..



and you pretend that you're at least trying to think

Chemistry

The folks teaching the Chem 1035 classes were nice enough to upload a practice test for each of these exams for you to take advantage of. The practice tests for chemistry have questions

very similar to the actual test. Don't stress if you don't do that well the first time you try the practice test, but make sure you understand the material before you take the test. As long as you understand the practice test questions and review your notes, you should be fine.

Alpha Chi Sigma provides free peer tutoring in the Chemistry Learning Center in 301 Hahn Hall North

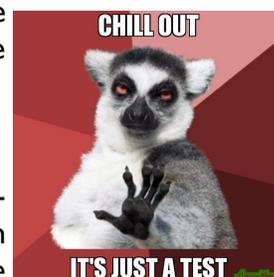
on Monday and Tuesday evenings as another tool for reviewing material. After the test, the chemistry teachers will upload an answer key with explanations for each of the questions. Remember this when studying for the final; it's an invaluable resource!

Calculus

For Calculus, I would absolutely recommend studying in a group. Unfortunately, the Calculus tests can be tricky depending on your teacher. I would review your homework questions and definitely drill how to start different types of problems. The more practice you do, the better off you will be. Also, if you have a test in Surge and are distracted by the cold, I would recommend bringing a jacket.

Physics

Like with Chemistry, Physics professors often provide you with a practice test. Use it! I would recommend going through it during your recitation so that you can ask your TA about any questions that you miss. I studied physics in a group, and we took turns writing our solutions on a big whiteboard. I would also recommend you review the conceptual iClicker questions. Even though most of the test is more math than conceptual based, understanding the concepts is key to success.



Recreational Sports



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Being an engineering major is tough stuff. The classes are long, the homework is longer, and sometimes all you want to do is eat a piece of cake and go to sleep so you can avoid your responsibilities. As such, taking some time to relax and throw around a Frisbee once in awhile to clear your head is important. For those who enjoy sports, fitting club sports into your schedule can be difficult (if not impossible) and varsity sports even more so. Luckily, there's another option for people who enjoy unwinding through sports, or perhaps are not athletically inclined enough for club-level intensity. That option is intramural sports.

There are a variety of intramural sports options to chose from. More common options are available,

such as basketball, flag football, soccer, volleyball, and ultimate Frisbee, along with more unique options, such as 8 ball, chess, darts, and battleship. To play intramural sports, you first have to buy a membership. Full membership is \$20 and Individual/Dual membership is \$5, both of which are for both semesters. For more information and upcoming registration dates go to <https://www.recsports.vt.edu/sports/intramuralsports/membership.html>.



Venture Out is another option for those whose Interests lie more in the outdoorsy route. They host outings you can go on, such as beginner caving and whitewater rafting. You can sign up for trips online, and each trip cost a certain amount of money. In addition, you can rent tents, life jackets, stoves, sleeping bags, and more, with the rate depending on how long you plan to rent them for. Fall trips can be found at <https://www.recsports.vt.edu/getactive/outdoorrecreation/tripsandprograms.html>, along with links to rental rates and how to register for a trip.

Resident Advisors



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Are you interested in staying in Lee next year and want to hold a leadership position? Consider becoming a resident advisor. RAs plan events, help build the community, enforce policies to ensure safety, and more. RAs are responsible for welcoming residents to the dorm and ensuring a smooth transition from home to college. Not only are you an authority figure in the dorm, but also serve as a person for students to confide in.

Becoming an RA is not easy and requires many hours of training and hard work. As an RA, you will have the ability to positively impact your resident's experience at Virginia Tech. In addition to all the benefits of living on campus, being an RA earns you a scholarship that pays for housing.



If you are interested about applying, you must attend one of the mandatory information sessions. Here are the upcoming sessions: (Note: all sessions are 9pm-10pm.)

- September 26th, 27th, 28th
Newman Library Multipurpose Room
- October 9th, 10th, 11th
Payne Seminar Room
- October 24th, 25th, 26th
Squires Black Culture Center

For more questions about the application process email VTRA@vt.edu, or talk to the RAs in Lee Hall.



Being an RA is a full-time job that requires responsibility, dedication, efficiency, time management and the ability to be a leader.