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LIS End of Program Exam Survival Tips

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TIP 1: Attend LIS EOP Exam Workshops

Taught by instructors who care about student success

Hosted online and face-to-face and provide valuable hints and tips

Recent LIS grads discuss how they passed
TIP 2: PLAN & PREPARE

- Have your course materials organized.
- Review resources from the core classes.
- Set time oriented goals for completing tasks during the exam week.
- Be prepared for the questions in at 8 a.m. on the 1st day of the exam.

Do not procrastinate! Start researching and writing on the first day!
TIP 3: Create Your Work Space

Make a physical space where you can work comfortably and minimize distractions (home, coffee shop, library...)

Have notes, resources, and supplies organized and ready.

Clear your schedule and let family and friends know you are busy with a major assignment.

Create head space too! Don’t worry about finishing your degree or what happens next, just focus on the task at hand.
TIP 4: Save Your Work!

- Save it in multiple places.
- Save it in multiple formats.
- Save it often. Don’t lose your work!
- Have backups for your backups.

APA style is required. Do not deviate or use other styles such as MLA or Chicago.

Attend the APA Workshop! Purchase the guide if you can, or checkout the reserve copy at Willis Library.

Purdue Owl APA Style Guide
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/
A Few More Tips For The Exam Questions

**Read all 10 questions when the exam opens**
- The questions are drawn from the core courses and major LIS topics.
- Choose the 3 that you are most comfortable with and interested in researching and writing on, there are no bonus points for difficulty!

**Break Down Each Question**
- Use each part of the question as a section header in your paper.
- Think about the sections as you prepare your research; are there parts that will take more time, or require particular types of resources to answer thoroughly?

**WRITE TO THE QUESTION!**
- As you write, refer back to the questions to make sure you stay on topic.
- Be sure to answer all parts of the question, one of the main reasons students do not pass the EOP is that they fail to address all parts of the question in their essay.
TIP 6: Plagiarism

DON’T DO IT

Cite both direct quotes and paraphrased concepts.

Don’t rely on quotations. Develop your own ideas!

Write all new material for the exam. All papers are processed through TurnItIn. Don’t plagiarize yourself!
The task of writing three, 1500-2500 word essays in one week can be intimidating. Break the task down into smaller manageable parts and remember to take breaks! Make a schedule and stick to it, managing time well throughout the week is key to EOP success. Should the unthinkable happen, technical difficulties, family emergency, apocalypse... DON’T PANIC! Notify the EOPe Committee as soon as possible.
Questions?

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