

# Academic Support- ACE Center

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## Test Taking Strategies for Acct. Students

- Review the test first; “hunt” for questions in your wheelhouse & answer those first. Answering questions in order may cause frustration when you come to a question you can’t answer. Too much time may be spent on the question. When this happens, you may miss questions you do know due to lack of time or nerves.
- On an accounting multiple choice test, there are always two answers that are completely wrong. Either the debit and credit entries are incorrect or the numbers are incorrect. There are two where the debits and credits are correct but the numbers differ. So, always concentrate on getting the number correct and if you still can’t decide, a two headed coin flip is better than a guess on all four possibilities.
- Submitted by Larry Rizzo, Professional Accounting Tutor

“I’ve learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.”

- Maya Angelou

## Memorizing Tip: Loci Technique

This technique was created over 2,500 years ago to help ancient Greek orators memorize speeches!

Loci is Latin for “location” or places and in using this strategy you will “place” items in “locations” to help you remember information. Here are the steps:

1. First, plan a route you know well, such as walking through your home. Plan locations along the route where you will “stop”.
2. Next, create a mental picture of each piece of information that you need to remember.
3. Then, visualize each piece of info you want to recall being placed in one of the location “stops” along your route.
4. Finally, when you want to remember the items, visualize your route and “stop” along each of your locations to pick up your item.

For an example and more details about this technique visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9IOqd1LpkA>

## FINAL EXAM STUDY JAM!

Drop in tutoring for many subjects, pet a puppy, freebies including food!  
Dec. 10 from 11 am-2 pm, AC rooms 421-425  
More info @iwucltinvolved

Check out our new page for tutoring information!  
<https://padlet.com/brendadimodugno/jmv3q73fobvk6m66>

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

<b>Dec. 1</b>	Spring semester payment deadline
<b>Dec. 13-16</b>	Finals exams
<b>Dec. 19</b>	Winter break begins (ends Jan. 9)

## Academic & Career Excellence Center

*An Integrated Approach from Enrollment through Graduation*  
At the new ACE Center, we provide the guidance, resources and support to assist students in achieving academic and career success. Whether you need help with your academic plan or selecting a career pathway, our integrated approach provides individual support that helps you excel in your studies while preparing you for a career that will bring fulfillment and satisfaction.

## Counseling Center Holiday Tips

How can you cope with stressful situations over holiday break?

- Identify what it is about the holidays that get you down. Once identified, deal with it directly.
- Don’t expect miracles; keep your expectations of others in check.
- Don’t worry about how things *should be* or what you *should do* but do what you *can do*
- Take control over the holidays by taking timeouts for yourself. Have more self-compassion and accept your limitations.
- Use humor; try to see the lighter side of life and not take yourself so seriously.
- Stick to a budget for gift giving and food shopping, or even consider DIY alternatives to gift giving.
- Minimize over-indulging in food and alcohol as ways to cope with stress.

**Call Counseling Services (located in Cedar Hall South) 980-598-1710 to schedule an appointment if you need additional support.**