Take a break on Study Day and come enjoy fellowship with the staff of DRS! From 11am until around 2pm on Study Day (December 6), DRS Staff will have a variety of refreshments and a chocolate fountain station in our lobby. Come take a break and recharge for Finals!

And speaking of Final Exams –

November 26: Last day to schedule your final exam for December 7 or 10
November 27: Last day to schedule your final exam for December 11
November 28: Last day to schedule your final exam for December 12
November 29: Last day to schedule your final exam for December 13

If you will be taking a final exam before finals week, please list it as an exam, rather than a final exam and make sure you schedule it 48 hours in advance of the date you plan to take it. If you list it as a final or if it is within the 48-hour deadline, DRS online will consider it a late schedule. **During Finals, all students will check in at DRS Main Office in 110 Wilder Tower. Staff will then escort you to your testing location.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Last Day of Classes: December 5
Study Day: December 6 (no classes or UofM-sanctioned student events)
Fall 2018 Final Exams: December 7 -- 13
Winter Break: December 24, 2018 -- January 1, 2019 (UofM reopens January 2)
Spring 2019 classes start: January 14, 2019
MLK Jr. Day (UofM closed): January 21, 2019
SPRING BREAK: March 4-10, 2019 (UofM open, no classes in session)
**Official UofM Academic Calendar:**
[http://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/academic/ay1819.php](http://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/academic/ay1819.php)

**Spring 2019 Registrar’s Calendar:**
[https://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/dates/19s-dates.php](https://www.memphis.edu/registrar/calendars/dates/19s-dates.php)

**Spring 2019 Bursar’s Calendars for Undergrads and Law Students:**
**DRS RESOURCES:**

**Delta Alpha Pi International Honors Society** officers for 2018-19 are recruiting participants. If you are interested in joining **Delta Alpha Pi**, please contact Verties Sails III at vsails@memphis.edu We welcome suggestions for more student engagement.

**For students considering graduate or professional schools,** talk to your Coordinator about accommodations on **entrance exams**. Requests are processed by entities like Educational Testing Services and can take 6-8 weeks to process. If you need assistance with that process, please schedule a meeting with your DRS Coordinator and bring all necessary forms and/or information to send a letter.

**The University of Memphis Marketing Department** is interested in showcasing our diverse student populations, including those with disabilities. If you are interested in being photographed for **promotional materials and marketing campaigns** for the University or DRS, contact Jennifer Murchison at jmurchis@memphis.edu She will get your information to the University’s Marketing Department. You could be in brochures, pamphlets, the UofM website, or called upon to participate in University productions.

Searching for your first, paid employment experience? DRS may be able to assist. **First HIRES (Helping Individuals Recognize Employment Skills)** is a jobs program for students with disabilities who have never had a paying job. Developed in collaboration with Residence Life, the First HIRES program not only provides students with disabilities with strong transferable skills and enhances their resumes, it also helps them get better connected to the UofM. Students in the First HIRES Program work as desk assistants in on-campus residence halls. **If you are interested in participating in First HIRES beginning in the Spring**, contact Jennifer Murchison at jmurchis@memphis.edu

**GENERAL CAMPUS INFORMATION:**

If you are a student facing housing or food insecurities, there are on-campus resources available to you. **Arielle Fair Brown** in the **Office of Student Accountability, Outreach, and Support Office** can assist students experiencing different crises. Contact Ms Brown at: Arielle.Fair@memphis.edu For more information about how the UofM is addressing food insecurities through **Tigers Fight Hunger** and the **Tiger Pantry**, visit [https://www.memphis.edu/tigersfighthunger](https://www.memphis.edu/tigersfighthunger). Toiletries and other products are also in-stock at the Tiger Pantry in the Dean of Students Office, UC-359. Needed items for donation include: [https://www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php](https://www.memphis.edu/studentaffairs/dos/tigerpantrywishlist.php)
Student Success Programs continues to recruit participants for 2018-19. Any student with a disability is considered a priority participant for services which include: academic monitoring, academic counseling, financial assistance (conditions apply), cultural enrichment opportunities, themed workshops, graduate school visitations and MORE! All services are delivered at NO COST to students. Space is limited so don’t hesitate to apply: https://saweb.memphis.edu/sforms/ssp/application/login.asp

NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The National Center for College Students with Disabilities (NCCSD), established December 1, 2015, is a federally-funded project under the U.S. Department of Education (P116D150005), through the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/index.html Visit the websites https://www.nccsd.org and https://www.nccsdclearinghouse.org for more information, community building, and educational resources.

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