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Tips for our friends to study for the exams — “Be calm”

“My favourite revision materials are the past exam papers. I prefer to plan my studies well ahead of the exam period and manage my time to reduce the stress level.”

Dhara – MPA/MCom

“I like to go through the DSO discussions when studying for my exams. There are a lot of good questions and comments on there. Before the exam day, I tend to get plenty of sleep and rest really well to refresh my mind.”

Apoorva – MBA/MIF

“My rule of thumb is to follow the lecture notes. Work hard but study smart!”

Shrutti – MPA/MIF

By Asmita & Bruce

Spotlight

on!

Lecture's Voice

Can you please tell us a little bit about yourself and your experience?

My name is Nabin. I did my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of New South Wales. I am currently teaching MPE781 – Economics for Managers and I have received several awards for this role such as Deakin University Award for Teaching Excellent (2009), Vice Chancellor Commendation Award on Teaching (2009), and Lecturer of the year (3 times).

Outside of teaching, I enjoy much doing research. My works were published in a college A-rating journal – Berkerley as well as other technical journals.

Do you have any advice for students when revising for exams, especially for MPE781?

I often describe the revision method to the students in my class as the “diamond model”. One end of the diamond is your lecturer notes. This should be the first guide to the concepts that you need to know. Make sure you have a clear understanding of these concepts. Once it's clear, you need to check those concepts by exercising the questions in the textbook. That is the other side of the diamond! In addition, check the questions and answers given in DSO as well as practise the old exams. Finally, you need to go back to the elive sessions. You can get everything there and it's very flexible based on what you need to know.

Last but not least, start reviewing for your exams as early as possible. Don't leave everything to the last moment because you will panic and you will be under a lot of pressure.

This strategy has been proven to work very well for MPE781 unit but students can apply to the others as well.

(By Andy)



Dr. Munirul Nabin – Lecturer in Economics

Joke of the Week

KNOWLEDGE PILLS

A somewhat advanced society has figured out how to package basic knowledge in pill form. A student, needing some learning, goes to the pharmacy and asks what kinds of knowledge pills are available.

The pharmacist says: "Here's a pill for English literature." The student takes the pill and swallows it and has new knowledge about English literature.

"What else do you have?" asks the student. "Well I have pills for art history, biology, and world history," replies the pharmacist. The student asks for these, and swallows them and has new knowledge about those subjects.

Then the student asks: "Do you have a pill for math?" The pharmacist says, "Wait just a moment," goes back to the storeroom, brings back a whopper of a pill, and plonks it on the counter.

"I have to take that huge pill for math?" inquires the student.

The pharmacist replies, "Well you know math always was a little hard to swallow."

Guess you had a chuckle...

By Nisha



Campus review - Building H Learning Space

You have to admit, the library does have its own charm, but finding a place to sit when you're in the mood to hit the books is literally like winning the lottery but there are some good news. Why not drop by the new Learning Space (under Einstein's bar) located on the ground floor in building H? I stumbled across this place while I was picking up a few things from the DUSA bookstore the other day. It's facilitated with a help desk, computers and a printer, toilets, outdoor area and 3 pod rooms (for group work) which can be booked for up to 2 hours.



Furthermore the Learning Space drop-in area has language and learning advisers who are here to help students with their study skills. Whether you need a place to study, relax with friends or both this place also houses a café that makes great coffee at reasonable prices. However my critique would be the lack of power points restricts laptop users and it would be great if there were a card recharge station and a water fountain for students. Open Monday-Friday from 9-5pm, this place is a great place to drop by if you're looking for a place to socialise or study (if you don't mind the chatter in the background).

—By Kristy

Study and revision tips from our mentors

Commercial Law – MLM720 (from Nisha & Bruce)

- * Read text book according to the study guide readings and familiarise with relevant case laws.
- * Students can create their own summary of cases and link those cases with related concepts.
- * Prepare summary notes for each topic, not more than one page, with the concepts and the case laws applicable to the topic
- * Practise study guide questions as they are the indicative case study for the exam
- * Be confident in answering the case study by supporting it with relevant common law judgements or legislation.



Treasury & Risk Management MAF704 (from Shelley & Avnit)

- ▽ Make a good use of study guide and read regularly
- ▽ Pay attention to articles uploaded on DSO
- ▽ Summarize main points in each lecture as each topic covers vast information
- ▽ Treat the assignments and MCQs seriously to secure more marks
- ▽ Practice sample & past paper exams questions thoroughly
- ▽ Assignment does helps to understand important topics in the unit



Corporate Accounting MAA702 (from Kristy & Molly)

- ⇒ Attempt as many tutorial questions set as possible.
- ⇒ Form study groups.
- ⇒ Review your assignments carefully and make sure you understand them
- ⇒ Practise past exam papers and test yourself
- ⇒ Practise MCQs which are uploaded on DSO weekly
- ⇒ The i-lectures are good resources if you miss a class or don't understand a concept.



Business Process Management MPM701 (from Andy)

- ◇ The study guide is your very first source of revision
- ◇ Review the lecture notes carefully. make sure you understand all the main concepts
- ◇ Condense your lecture notes to a more manageable amount
- ◇ Practise the 40 MCQs given at revision lectures as they are the samples of your exam
- ◇ Supplement your knowledge with materials from the textbook

Career survey

We are currently seeking postgraduate students and recent graduates to take part in a survey looking at managerial career aspirations. The study is being undertaken by staff within the School of Management and Marketing at Deakin University.

The research study, supported by an Australia Research Council grant, aims to explore the personal and organisational factors that either support or impede the managerial career aspirations of people from a range of cultural backgrounds. Participation will involve completing a confidential questionnaire, which asks about your present employment and future career aspirations. Upon completion, you can be entered in a draw for a \$100 gift voucher.

The questionnaire can be found at the following link: [http://deakinbuslaw.qualtrics.com/SE/?](http://deakinbuslaw.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8qyxDdWOoIscY28)

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For further information, please contact either Dr Melissa Parris or Dr Uma Jogulu via email on career-project@deakin.edu.au or by calling (03) 9244 6276.

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of Deakin University.



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What's hot on campus?

Are you looking to network by meeting the local businesses? Look no further! BizLinx - Business Driven e-solutions, is a mock company created under the Whitehorse Tertiary Business Skills program. They are holding an information seminar on the **20th of September 2011** from **6.15pm to 8.30 pm** in room **HD3.009** to assist any current or future business in online marketing. The program is sponsored by Deakin University.

Register now on www.whitehorsebusinessgroup.com.au or call Mayank (0433811188) or Martin (0433671201) to receive a discount.

— By Nisha

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