FIRST YEAR INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

☐ End of Semester Important Dates
The last day of classes is Friday, December 9. Final Exams run December 12-20. Finals Breakfast at LSC is Tuesday, December 13 at 10 p.m. Residence halls close at noon on December 21. [http://www.luc.edu/academics/schedules/fall/exam_schedule.shtml]

☐ Spring Semester Important Dates
Open registration ends at midnight on January 15. Residence halls open at noon on January 15. There are no classes on January 16. Classes begin on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. [http://www.luc.edu/academics/schedules/spring/academic_calendar.shtml]

UPCOMING EVENTS

☐ Alternative Gift Fair
Wednesday, December 7 & Thursday, December 8: 11-4 p.m., CFSU
Great holiday gifts: handicrafts, stationary, cards, apparel, pottery, coffee... and other products from around the world! The Alternative Gift Fair is a fair trade marketplace that offers ethical shopping opportunities to the Loyola community as the holidays approach. Many of the vendors in the fair are members of Chicago Fair Trade (www.chicagofairtrade.org), a local organization that works to increase support for fair trade through education, advocacy and targeted consumer campaigns. As a member of Chicago Fair Trade, Loyola coordinates this fair every year to support fair trade and social enterprise initiatives in our area.

☐ Final Loyola 360 retreats coming up!
Loyola 360° is a two day retreat open to all first year students interested in making the most of their Loyola experience by utilizing the social, academic, and spiritual resources on campus. Retreat participants will come to understand and appreciate the identity and mission of a Jesuit education through relationships with student leaders and professional staff. This retreat will provide space to make friendships, learn how to be involved in the Loyola community, and support the transition from high school to college. Through disconnecting from technology and the routine of the Lakeshore campus, students will have the chance to see the bigger picture, get perspective on their experiences, and discern potential opportunities still undiscovered at Loyola. Cost: $50 (includes 6 meals, snacks, 2 nights lodging, transportation and ropes course. Financial aid is available. [www.luc.edu/retreats/payments]. E-mail questions to retreat@luc.edu.

☐ Fall 2011 ePortfolio Contest
Contest deadline: December 15, 2011
Students in a fall 2011 UNIV course (101, 290, 291, 390) have the opportunity to submit an ePortfolio to share how they are finding their direction at Loyola! ePortfolios will be judged based on content and creativity. The creator of the winning ePortfolio will receive up to $500 toward next semester’s books! This contest is restricted to students enrolled in UNIV 101, 290, 291, or 390. To submit an ePortfolio for consideration, view the What's Your Direction? Contest Instructions and submit your ePortfolio to epfolio@luc.edu by December 15, 2011 Decisions will be made and contestants will be notified over winter break. Submissions may be featured in the Loyola ePortfolio Gallery! [http://www.luc.edu/experiential/eportfolio.shtml#WYD Contest].

TIP OF THE WEEK

Good News! Finals are not as bad as they seem. Yes, a full week of comprehensive exams may sound overwhelming, but by breaking up your studying by subject it is not so bad! It is helpful to stay organized during finals week; look over your finals schedule and see what you need to prepare for when and how long each day you need to spend on a particular subject. Since there are no classes during finals week there is plenty of time to study for all your finals while taking frequent food, nap, and relaxation breaks. By staying calm and focused during finals, you will be prepared and confident for your exams. Good luck!

~Emily Leitner (Senior)