What Do Finals Look Like in Distance Learning?

John Jay College like many others moved to distance learning earlier this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The abrupt change from in-person to a distance learning setting caused many students to panic, especially for spring final exams and projects. Teaching remotely during times of societal upheaval requires compassion, flexibility, and strategies that respond to the unique situation experienced by faculty and by students. This semester several steps were put in place to allow for a smoother transition for students and staff. With the fall semester swiftly coming to an end, students once again must prepare to complete final projects and exams.

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Advice from a Student: What is Your Student Going Through When it Comes to Preparing for Finals?

Hi! I’m Seema, a senior at John Jay. In May, I will be receiving my B. S. in Forensic Science with a concentration in criminalistics, and a minor in anthropology.

Finals season is upon us already! The academic year is flying by, and students need to prepare for the semester to come to a close. Finals are an incredible stressful time for students, for obvious reasons. These papers, projects, and exams can make or break their grade. Preparing for finals looks different for each student, based on their
However, it is stressful, no matter how well or poor your student is performing. They will be up late to study, especially during finals week, so don’t be surprised if they seem different. Having a clean and quiet study space is a big help, so try to keep the volume down for the upcoming weeks. Some students don’t care about finals, but academics are important, so encourage them to be focused on doing well. If your student asks you to help them with something that you may not know much about, recommend that they attend office hours, sign up for tutoring sessions, or go the extra mile and help them look up videos and worksheets online to help explain the material. Being too pushy with their study schedule will only stress them out more, so don’t stop them from taking a break every now and then. Keeping them in the room studying, all day, every day leading up to the exam, most likely will cause them to lose focus and motivation. Stay calm and don’t worry! They will get through this.

Office Feature: Accessibility Services

We are committed to making our campus community truly accessible and inclusive so every student has every opportunity to fully experience all our college has to offer. If you are a student with documented disabilities and want more information about reasonable accommodations or just have questions, our staff is happy to help.

Why Should You Be Active in the Parent and Family Association?

The Office of Student Transition Programs understands and recognizes the vital role parents and family members play in the academic success of their students. Because family members are a very important part of our College community, we will make every effort to promote family communication and involvement. Whether you are family members of new or returning students, we hope your experience with John Jay is positive and rewarding.

The purpose of the Parent and Family Association is to:

- Assist family members in navigating campus resources, services, and programs
- Assist family members in supporting their students and empowering them to take responsibility while enrolled at the College
- Enhance communication between the College and family members
- Develop a sense of community amongst John Jay families to provide support, advice, and opportunities for involvement.
This year, we will be sending newsletters, hosting webinars and virtual meet ups! If you have suggestions of topics for our newsletter and webinar or ideas for Parent and Family Association events, please submit them here: https://bit.ly/parentssuggestion

We hope you stay engaged with us while your student is enrolled at John Jay!