

Exam Jams

What is an Exam Jam?

Exam Jams are designed to be an intense, fast-paced review session for students during the week before finals. Each Exam Jam session is facilitated by a mentor and should cover all pertinent material that could be included on the final exam. An Exam Jam will typically last three to four hours on one day. Additional time can be scheduled if a mentor feels it would be appropriate.

How are Exam Jams different from regular mentoring sessions?

Exam Jams are very different from regular mentoring sessions. First, students are much less involved in an Exam Jam. The mentor should be prepared to present material to the students during the full three hours and reserve questions until the end of the Exam Jam. Second, the mentor will have students in their Exam Jam who have not been to any other mentoring sessions. Also, because Exam Jams are three hours instead of one and a half hours, a mentor may have to schedule the Exam Jam for a different day than the regular sessions.

Courses utilizing a mentor-led Exam Jam:

- BIOL K101
- BIOL K103
- BIOL N261
- PSY B104

*If you wish to include an Exam Jam for your course (must have an SLA or SI component), please talk with your mentors first and contact the Bepko Learning Center staff to make arrangements.

Mentor responsibilities in Exam Jam preparation:

- Plan the Exam Jam during the week prior to finals week at a time that is convenient.
- During the week after midterms, send students to the Resource Desk (UC 2006) to RSVP for the Exam Jam. This is so we can schedule the appropriate rooms.
- Turn in a copy of the Exam Jam plan along with any materials to be copied to a coordinator at least one week prior to the Exam Jam.
- Turn in a request for any additional materials (markers, overhead projector or slides, PowerPoint projector, etc.) to the Resource Desk at least one week prior to the Exam Jam.
- Remind students about a week prior to the Exam Jam when and where it will be held. A coordinator will provide advertisement handouts as well as the room number and time to pass out to students in class.
- Let students know that Exam Jam handouts will be given out only during the Exam Jam.