Oral Exam Preparation and Resources Beyond the Classroom

Peer Learning Workshop Series
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ORAL EXAM PREPARATION

Tips for before and during your exam
BEFORE THE EXAM

- Start studying a week ahead if possible
  - Divide your questions by the amount of days you have until the exam
  - Try to be in a relaxed headspace when you study
- If you have or need accommodations, don’t forget to ask for them!
- Study in a way that is catered to how you learn information best
  - Visual learners sketch out your responses
  - Auditory learners practice responding out loud or with a partner
- Think smarter not harder
  - Use vocab you are comfortable with
  - It is okay to make things up
  - Generalize vocabulary
- Highlight key words and phrases from the question list
- Go through the questions out of order to be prepared
DURING THE EXAM

• Tips for managing anxiety
  ○ Bring a fidget toy (if allowed)
  ○ Wear clothing that you feel comfortable in
  ○ Take a few moments to breathe before beginning (if you have a smart watch, try out the relax feature)

• Get out of your head
  ○ Stay present and don’t worry about how you think things are going

• Use what you know

• If all else fails, ask the professor how you can do better next time
RESOURCES OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Media, Self-Guided Practice, Community Involvement, and More
Enjoy your hobbies in a different language

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SHOWS AND MOVIES
SOCIAL MEDIA
Some of our favorite TikTok creators include:

- Germanplease
- Thespanishchick
- Randomspanish
- Italianmatters
- Arabicforbeginners
- Speakspanishfaster (uses english but teaches slang)
- Spanishforeveryday (silly skits that use Spanish songs)
MUSIC AND PODCASTS
HOBBIES

- Look for ways to engage with your hobbies in your target language. For us, this includes:
  - Video games
  - News
  - Magazines
  - Youtube
  - Reading
  - Cooking
  - And more
Immerse yourself in the language

- Attend events/festivals hosted by the university or city
  - Plaza de las Américas
  - ArkanSalsa fest
  - Tontitown Grape Festival
  - Oktoberfest
  - International festivals

- Attend an authentic restaurant
- Speak in your target language
- Find a speaking partner
  - Native speaker and/or classmate

**LANGUAGE LEARNING APPS**

- Find a language partner online with programs like italki, HelloTalk, and Tandem
- Practice your vocabulary, learn new grammatical skills, or just get into the mindset of the language with Duolingo and Babbel
- Apps like Quizlet are great for vocab practice

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Spanish Learning Made Easy

ONLINE RESOURCES
SELF-GUIDED PRACTICE

- Talk to yourself in the language
  - Create scenarios
  - Review your to do list in the target language
  - Try out a new recipe
- Have a daily topic that you write/talk about in your target language
- Set your phone’s language to your target language
- Give old fashioned flash cards a try
  - Writing verbs or concepts out helps with memorization
- Work through a textbook meant to prepare for a specific proficiency level
- Use verb charts to visualize and practice conjugations
COMMUNITY

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Check out the Student Success Center

Follow the World Language & Digital Humanities Studio Instagram

- Follow @uarkwldhs
- Updated semi-daily, at least 2-3 times weekly
- Studio events, WLLC events, courses, WLLC announcements, spotlights, highlights, news, etc.
VIRTUAL REALITY CLUB OR LANGUAGE LEARNING

THURSDAYS | 3:30-5:00 | JBHT 207
Explore the multiverse of language learning using immersive, different languages will be featured each week. Improve your listening & speaking skills with virtual reality technology!

OCT 31: FRENCH
NOV 3: GERMAN (STARTS @ 5PM)
NOV 10: ARGENTINA
NOV 17: CHINESE

KINOABEND

THE DARK GERMAN PROGRAM PRESENTS CLASSIC AND MODERN MASTERPIECES IN GERMAN FILM.
IF YOU ARE A FAN OF CINEMA OR INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT GERMAN, THESE EVENTS ARE FOR YOU!
HOW TO JOIN:
1. B. HUNT 207 CENTER FOR WORLD LANGUAGES
2. RIGHT HARDWARE
3. 5:30pm-6:00pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
OCT 22: DEU, DYE GERMANY

FIVE TUESDAY SESSIONS
2:00PM-3:00PM
SEPTEMBER 20
OCTOBER 4 & 22
NOVEMBER 8 & 29

STUDIO EVENTS

TERTULIA NIVELES AVANZADOS
Nuestro práctica español!
Un encuentro informal para hablar, practicar, conocer nuevos amigos.

WORKSHOP SERIES
The Peer Learning Workshop Series features one-hour student-led workshops on how to successfully study world languages & cultures.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION
WED, OCT 26: RESOURCES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM & PREPARING FOR AN ORAL EXAM
THURS, NOV 3: READING COMPREHENSION & WRITING
THURS, NOV 10: ACTIVE LISTENING & LISTENING COMPREHENSION

INTOUCHABLES
The French Film Series Presents

(DIGITAL) PEDAGOGY MEET-UP
Explore the expansion of teaching practices through digital components.
Meet with faculty & graduate students to explore how digital components, technology, and other methodologies can be integrated into the classroom.

TAVOLA ITALIANA
Practice your Italian or find an answer to your questions on Italian language and culture!
All levels welcome!
World Languages and Digital Humanities Studio – JBHT 207
4:00-5:00pm
August: Monday 29
September: Wednesday 1st Monday 12; Tuesday 20; Monday 26
October: Wednesday 5; Monday 10; Thursday 20. Monday 24
November: Wednesday 2; Monday 7; Monday 14; Monday 21; Wednesday 30

LA TABLE FRANÇAISE
Practice French dinner table manners and etiquette for Francophone dinner cultures.
All levels of French welcomed.
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DIGITAL HUMANITIES WEEKLY MEET-UP
The Digital Humanities Weekly Meet-Up explores the intersection of digital technology and humanistic thought in both theory and praxis, and an intentional diversity of students and faculty as we probe what digital humanities mean today.

For further information, contact desgani@uark.edu
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

Any questions?