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Reflection Report



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My first year experience in college was a roller coaster ride. Going in for my first class was definitely nerve wracking, new environment, faces and system to get familiarized with. There were so many things I had to do myself without the help of a class teacher. I was basically on my own on this new chapter of my academic journey.

First semester was a huge blur to me; there were so many things I needed to learn in order to get things done in my college. I had to team up with my fellow schoolmates for numerous presentations and projects that had to be done weekly. It was tough trying to learn how to negotiate how certain tasks should be divided within my group, it came to a point where certain group mates of mine were not doing the tasks that they were supposed to do, so I had to do it myself which even added to my frustrations. However I tried my best to be as patient and understanding to my group mates who were not as helpful.

I had a difficult time trying to juggle my time for all the presentations and projects I had to do while still having to prepare for weekly assignments, midterms and final examination and my part time job. I would say now that I did not know how to prioritize certain tasks back then which really was the main reason why I felt stress all the time. Undoubtedly, I was all over the place during the first semester. I am just grateful that I was able to get things done even with my busy schedule and the stressful state that I was in.

On the other hand, of course my experience in the first semester of college was not all bad. The courses that are included in my program are so useful and applicable to me and to my future career. All of the courses I have had have been very interesting and challenging at the same time. I was genuinely involved while going to lectures and tutorials. The weekly presentations have improved my presentation skills and have equipped me with knowledge that I would be able to carry with me to our constantly changing world.

I was also not expecting to be voted as a class representative to represent my classmates during meetings with our program leader, which I thought was quite awesome as I was able to give my insights to try to improve our program and to try to organize events for us students. I met so many amazing people that I know I would be friends with even after college. I definitely learned a lot in the first semester, it was tough but in the end I learned and I am still learning about ways of trying to improve myself day by day.

By the time the second semester came, it was a breeze. I had gotten familiar with everything I was not familiar with back in the first semester and have been able to improve my GPA. I learned to group with people that I know would not try to free ride their way to an A grade. I learned to prioritize tasks and have found a better method of studying for examinations. I learned to approach difficulties with a brave and smart attitude. I am definitely excited for the coming courses that I would need to learn as I know they would be very useful to me when I decide to open my own business someday.

I know for myself that this program I enrolled in was the perfect choice for me, I love being able to learn about what happens in a business and about the core of a business that keeps it together. Overall, I am very pleased with how much I have grown as a person during my first year in college. I cannot wait for the next year to come and to see what new challenges it holds for me.