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Challenges

- Kuhn's and Ericson's books have heavy chapters to understand
- Writing an essay with connection to the books can be time-consuming

Solutions

- Make a glossary of terminology used in the book for yourself with page reference. This makes you capable of writing the final essay or assignment much faster.
- While reading books, think about how to make discussions in the class
- in discussions, listen to peers to get new perspectives on the book

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Challenges

- So many assignments and different courses mixed in one can be overwhelming
- How to study for a test with multiple subjects can be difficult
- Certain subjects might not be your strong-suit



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Solutions

- Professors are your friends!! Don't be shy to go to office hours and ask questions
- Organize a schedule where you can assign assignments as early as possible
- Divide assignments up each day so you don't have to worry last minute
- Review class notes at the end of day and write down questions to ask the professor the next day
- Plan your study session and focus on subjects that you are not your strongest
- Look for external resources such as Khan Academy and ask your professors

Big Data 2002B

Challenges

- There are many assignments that need reading and preparation
- Coding might not be the strongest skill of yours
- Being focused in the class can be challenging when the codes and the concepts become complicated

Resources



Wisc Society Instagram:

[wiscsociety](#)

Facebook: WISc Society

Western WISc URL:

https://www.uwo.ca/sci/undergraduate/future_students/academic_programs/integrated_science%20WISc/index.html

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THRIVE
SURVIVE
SUCCEED

Environment & Sustainability

2001F

Philosophy 2320G

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Challenges

- A challenging way to think
- Readings can be hefty
- Several assignments and 2 papers

Solutions

- Assignments are meant to introduce you to the new concepts (ie. argument mapping)
- Start readings early and recap with your friends
- Consult the TA to help narrow down ideas. Use peer feedback on smaller assignments to better your writing

Solutions

- Start working on the assignments right away! Do not wait for the last day as the search engines won't come to your help
- Use your TA as much as possible as she/he is the person to help you with codes.
- If you do not understand a concept, ask the professor right away. Do not give up because it will just build up

Challenges

- Later class time
- Exam questions tend to be specific and require memorization
- Group presentations can be daunting and challenging
- Writing components (critique, annotated bibliography, final report)
- More biology heavy topics can be challenging if you haven't taken biology before

Solutions

- Pack snacks or get a coffee to stay fueled during class
- Study in groups, re-read notes nightly, practice explaining concepts to other people. This will help you recall material easily!
- Chat with peers and instructor in tutorials about writing ideas, that's what they are meant for!

Tips for success

- Take frequent 15 minute breaks at least once every hour
- Take a walk outside to clear your mind and change your environment
- Do yoga or work out to release tension in your body (check out Yoga with Adriene or Move With Nicole on YouTube)
- Think about what courses could open up pathways in the future. Linear Algebra can open up math and computer science
- Plan out what courses you need each year. Try to take some in the summer to lighten the load. For example, take second year statistics in the summer

