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I'm not sure whom my peer reviews came from but whom ever they were they gave great advice for making the presentation improved in the legal report phase of the next assignment. Not only that I thought they were kind in their grading points, since I did not have enough references and from their comments I realized things that could have been done better and things I missed. I received a 7/9 for my grade, but given I had what my husband describes as a "ditsy chick" moment, I somehow did not notice I was supposed to also do a "self evaluation", which would have been easy to do had I noticed it after reviewing my other peer evaluations. So given I forgot to do that, my grade ended up being 5.6/9, and although not great, I thought, well the reason I'm taking this class is to learn from the experience anyway, and perhaps with the great advice my peers gave in their responses, I will improve it once I do the legal report phase.

I am a former software engineer in the US so "legal speak" documents also are very foreign to me and I admit those are what scare me about this subject area, the formality and sifting through it. However, I took the course in EU business law as a humanity to grow to learn about the EU business area, economies and laws that go with them, as I've done before while taking classes - it's incredibly interesting to learn how different cultures budget and handle their business and benefits differently to what we do here in the US. My husband is from England, and I hear about it from his perspective on the differences in his culture to mine. So when I started a new set of classes recently, I thought this one would be a good fit, since it overlaps with my other humanity classes I've done in economics and human rights law, but this one being geared toward the EU business world.

I admit my first impression was - wow - how complicated it must be to manage so many different cultures and their various languages, economies, etc, and their business laws. The database alone has many languages, where as in England and the US you would only find English (I think!) So it's interesting and it must be a much more challenging thing to manage I would think, and although I have no plans to be an EU lawyer (I'm 50, and all of my experience has been in the software engineering high tech world!) and I also have no current plans to be working in the EU - it's important to be both aware and knowledgeable of the world at large, outside of what we work with here, and the high tech world does span the world as we all know.

So I'll do my best to keep up in your class, and do a better job on the legal report section, and perhaps with the great peer review comments and reviews I received, the next part will come easier for me.

The quizzes are not often a problem in these types of classes, at least in the past for me, but the formality of the legal documents - that part was brand new for me! They in some ways reminded me of the research papers my husband writes in the academic computer science world - I avoid those like the plague too ;-) but do I love to understand what the gist of what they are saying - in terms of how some innovative technical thing works - absolutely - but it's the academic type paper reading that always scared me there, and the same seems to be true in the legal world. But I'll do my best with that part of this course too!

As for the challenge of all the various cultures that may be involved in EU business law, that part is very interesting too, how they get along and overcome their challenges of working together with their business and laws. The closest analogy I've seen was in my International Human Rights or International Criminal Law classes, and the times when economics did not just focus on the US economy, but also on the international economy considerations - very complicated compared to the world I've always worked and been educated in - Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. ;-)

But I do find it interesting and will continue on and do the best I can with the legal paper! This is my thank you for those who took the time to give me their detailed peer review and advice, since that will help get me through that part of this humanity!

Good luck to everyone. ;-)

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Ghim Meng Low · 12 minutes ago 🔒

Welcome Karen and good luck throughout the course. I hope you enjoyed it so far. If you could handle Electrical Engineering or Computer Science, Law should not be a problem. It is about interpretation of the provisions and the preciseness of the wordings. Being in the centre of Europe, I feel what is happening around me - the debt crisis, the terrorism concerns, etc. and make me more aware of how EU affects non-national like myself. As a supra-national entities, it is not easy to bring different languages, cultures and systems into a unified system. After more than 20 years, the Union is still a marvellous although not perfect creature. I remember the first introduction video where Xavier said that EU is born out of crisis

"... historically speaking Europe is born out of a crisis and many crisis have been facing Europe since the start of Europe. And Europe as Always been evolving, developing through the crisis. When we look at the present situation in this Eurozone crisis, or economic crisis this, this, precisely reflect what I just mentioning, in the sense that. We do face a deep economic crisis. But, what I find interesting is that this economy crisis is followed by mutations and Constitutional mutations. ..."

Xavier Grousot

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Karen West · in 3 minutes 🔒



Thanks Ghim Meng Lo. I try when ever I can to make an effort to be more aware of my own US economy and laws even though I am at age 50 entirely technical in background and work experience - but it's good to be aware which is why this course caught my eye this semester. I've only taken a few that cover the international space in economies and laws, but those were not geared toward business but more toward human rights. This course adds the additional challenge though with meeting the specific requirements of writing legal documents with the proper precision. I should be able to handle it and perhaps I'll do better as time goes on, but given the study of this area is not a primary area for me and has not thus far ever been a one course humanity that I take in a semester to supplement other courses I'm taking (not a major), I do find it more challenging and intimidating perhaps than some others whose focus is this area entirely over their career. But I don't let that bother me because if everyone made the effort to be more aware of how we can better work together, then the world can only work better (and I've always focused on the high tech world).

I admit that the EU challenge with all the cultural backgrounds and languages and ancient histories seems to make this effort more challenging, but I think trying to be aware of how people are trying to solve these things is a good approach. I just don't promise that my proper legal writing may be as up to par as some others in this class might be! We'll see. My peer reviewers were both helpful and kind. I laughed at myself when I realized that I had reviewed 5 other people but then forgot to peer review my own presentation. ;-) We call those "ditsy chicks" moments in my house. However, if I learn from it I don't care but I'll try to avoid that in the future!

I like the approach to having the ungraded quizzes as practice for the upcoming graded quiz, since you can learn from your mistakes, re-take them, and then when the time comes for the graded quiz be more prepared. I think the most intimidating thing I've noticed on the quizzes (week 2) was how to search your incredibly complicated database! I found some other CS ways to search through things actually. ;-) (grep-ing (Linux world of OS's) text of the speech from the lecturer, downloaded the TFEU in a pdf since I could not figure out how to search it in the database properly, etc). Also, in all these humanities I've taken outside the high tech world, although people do get heated in their debates, it seems that this is the place to do it, in an online forum where everyone is studying that subject, rather than perhaps on any random social blog. I prefer to keep my thoughts on controversial topics in a place where others are interested in those topics, rather than on some random social forum. I admit though that your database is complicated and the precision of writing the legal documents in this particular class are the intimidating part - but I'm hanging in there so far. Thanks for the response!

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