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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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