

A morning call, a 15-minute jog along the hillside, a cup of hot chocolate and a piece of breakfast fruit. It's nearly the best day opener I could ask for, and I hope to maintain or enhance this routine throughout the semester.

Having pretty much slacked in the last semester, I wish I could have a better execution in everything this semester. Back to studying mode after my purpose-seeking winter, I think I now have a better picture of what I wish to achieve.

Semester 4 Theme:	Building intensity
Objective 1: Academics	Slower but Steadier
Objective 2: Career	Crypto Quant Analytics
Objective 3: Life	Seek Consistency

Objective 1: Academics - Slower but Steadier

- Reduce study load to improve learning intensity

S4 planned workload: 19 credits (VS S3 21 cred)

- Comp 2011: C++ (4)
- Econ 3334: Econometrics (4)
- Fina 3203: Derivatives (3)
- Math 2121: Linear Algebra (4)
- Math 2421: Probability (4)

Open to find studying/ mini-project mates with which I can discuss and be inspired together :)

- Prospective MATH double major

To enhance the "Q" side of Qfin - "Q"ute or "Q"ler?

- Semester roadmap:

Semester 1: Grasp the Feeling of Studying Hard

Semester 2: Studying Socializing and Reflecting

Semester 3: Discovering Interests and Feeling Life

Semester 4: Building up hard skills for execution

GPA last semester dropped faster than expected, because

- *I slacked too much: did not complete assignments on time, and didn't treat lab sections seriously.*
- *a very fast-paced learning style doesn't suit me:* I prefer seeking my learning's meaning and potential application before moving on to retain end-use efficiency, e.g. SQL/Python skills/ Trading metrics
- of the *costly trade-off* between people I really want to spend time with and my output/work endeavour, even though I thoroughly enjoyed spending time like this

Academic targets this semester:

- Preserve 4.0 TGA if possible, for \$40K scholarship
- Align academic outcomes with hard skills consolidation to pave career pathway and improve learning effectiveness

Objective 2: Career - Crypto Quant Analytics

- **Motivators**
 - Relatively new market, mkt cap has not yet gone up (\$2 tn) and has potential growth; market information being far from perfect
 - Huge market volatility means opportunities to reap gains with effective trading
 - Macro tailwinds @'22 mean good entries
- **Methods**
 - Quant model collaboration
 - Hard-skills buildup (align with academics?)
Stochastic model/ time series analysis
 - Continue market news initiative to grasp major crypto market movements
 - Data sourcing (glassnode/ exchanges/ Twitter)
 - A relevant summer internship that helps

Objective 3: Life - Seek Consistency

The past few weeks I've reflected about my motivation sources, my attitude towards people and the experiencing of life in general. I wish that someone would guide me over, and lead me to experience anything I've - or we've, never experienced. Be it good or bad, grand or simple.

I need something to drive myself awake every morning, that motivates me to give it my all without hesitation. And even if people around me are falling apart, I shall still remember my **beginner's mind**, that I should treasure and bear in mind well. When there's a will, there's a way?

What makes me motivated continuously might be **inspiration**. To keep the stream alive, I wish to execute the following consistently this sem:

- **Preserve sleep** and early workouts
by sleeping early; possibly hikes around as well
- **Read** a few **books** (preferably >3) this semester
- Spend more time to **stay with and care about the people I care** about to inspire them back
- Distinguish what I **want** and what I **need** well
Those that would *help* VS those that *decorate*

"Actions speak louder than words"; I don't know if I would eventually make most of the stated goals happen, but this is a pledge to myself that I would try my best.

If any of you readers find/ feel that I am not doing well enough, please *remind me of this post promptly...* 唔該定時提醒我立左既 flag - 我希望可以堅持到底!