

I started this course an eager freshman, with little idea of what a college class actually entailed. Through engaging with my classmates and Mr Flak's easygoing nature, I've come out of my shell even more than I thought was possible. The progression of in-class assignments in particular helped me lose any misgivings about expressing myself around my peers, and made these final projects much easier than they would have been before.

Not to sound too cliche, but the mini-performances in class really did build my confidence. I had done a rare few such sketches in high school, but only on my own terms and without much improvisation. Being forced to get up and act these random and often goofy scenes out without much preparation helped me shed any embarrassment or shyness I still had. Even my family and friends have commented on the change in my behavior.

Mr Flak was also a very good example for all kinds of creative thought, and I've been very impressed. I do aspire to his creativity. Classmates like Des and Molly were also good examples and encouraging from day to day. I've enjoyed how easy it has been to make friends here.

Altogether, I'm truly grateful I was placed in this specific class with these particular peers and teacher. I'll definitely recommend this one to freshmen who follow me into FSU. I believe I genuinely grew as a person both from the teaching and the opportunities to get out of my comfort zone.