

Course Reflection/A letter to Future Students

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Dear Future Classmates,

As a student who has recently completed a course in technical writing and professional ethics, I wanted to share some insights for the class you're about to take.

Let's start with technical writing. At first, it might seem like just another class, an easy one at that. But trust me, it's so much more than that. Technical writing teaches you how to communicate effectively with a technical audience, which is an invaluable skill in the professional world. You might not realize its importance during your time in school, but once you step into your chosen field, you'll understand why it matters. Pay attention, take it seriously, and don't underestimate its significance.

Professional ethics? That's a big one too. It's all about the rules and guidelines that professionals adhere to, not just to do things right, but to do them ethically. It's about building trust, ensuring safety, and upholding standards that society values. Think of it as the backbone of your future career, guiding you to make decisions that matter beyond just the immediate task at hand.

Now, about public speaking and presentations, there's more than what meets the eye. Sure, you'll learn about structuring technical papers and understanding the content of the course, but what struck me most was the teamwork aspect. In our class, a significant chunk of the semester involved working remotely with teams. And trust me, teamwork is a gem of a skill in the professional realm. So, embrace it, learn from it, and don't underestimate the power of collaborating effectively.

And here's a bit of personal advice I wish someone had shared with me beforehand. Learn Proper Time Management. I've realized I need to up my game on deadlines and assignment submissions. Don't overlook this skill—start honing it now, and trust me, it'll save you loads of stress down the road.

So, to wrap it up, take this course seriously. It might seem easy or less demanding compared to other classes, but the lessons you learn here are foundational and will carry you through your professional life. Don't let it slip through the cracks.

Wishing you all the best for your academic journey ahead!

Sincerely,

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