

General Education classes are a nice change of pace from the Engineering classes I'm required to take to graduate. I've gained a better understanding of other cultures in a Music class. I've learned what it takes to start a business in an entrepreneurial class. These classes can help me think differently when working on a project that requires my problem solving abilities.

The first class I'll mention is Music 102, Music Listening. There's a huge difference in instruments, time signatures, and styles of music between all different cultures of the world. Even though the instruments sound extremely different, there's still many things that are pretty similar between every culture. Most every song has a beat typically created with some kind of percussion. Might be a drum set, or a set of bongos, every culture has a beat. I've come to realize in engineering that people of different cultures have different ideas/thoughts on what they want. However, even though there's many differences, like a beat in a song, we're all human, and a large majority of who we all are is the same.

Another class I took was Management 310, covering an introduction to becoming an entrepreneur. This is relevant in every job. Everyone had to start a business somehow, and knowing the process it took to get there gives you better insight on how a business is run and it's under workings. There's a lot of management required, from managing finances, time, assets, customers, etc. to make a business succeed.

Reflecting back, I would ultimately say a portion of these classes will be useful in my future. There's always something you can learn about others and how the world works. It's useful in understanding others' perspectives. That can help when needing to solve a problem for someone and having to design something to best fit their need.