

Dear Future Cohort,

First, I think it is a very great decision of yours to take this course. Creative Coding is definitely very fascinating and motivating course that you will enjoy. For me, programming was just numbers and data that just help me to calculate things faster. But in this class, I learned how to draw, to make animations, and even to make games with codes. If you have not done these things before with programming, this will be a great opportunity for you to take experience on it. Throughout the semester, you will do lots of projects and create different things with programming and I hope you will enjoy them.

My first advice is to always plan out well before you start coding. Without any knowledge and ideas, just typing codes will not create anything. It might can but it will not be satisfactory. So it is always a great idea to get inspiration from many resources and make plan about how you are going to design your piece. If you are stuck with coming up with idea, try to look at different works and pieces around to gather ideas. When you are coding and having troubles with it, watching video tutorials can be a great option. If you are not used to coding, sometimes it can be tough to understand the materials. However, by watching different tutorials videos online, you will be able make them to your programming skills.

One of the great things of this class is having time of feedback and critique during class time. This feedback time is very valuable since you can get different inspiration that you haven't thought of. Do not hesitate to gather ideas from your classmate. And last but not the least, it is most important to make something that you are interested in. If you are creating something that you can enjoy, you will be motivated and passionate with your works, and it will create better pieces. This course is a great chance for you to be creative and to have some fun, and you will do great. Hope you have a great semester!

Best,

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