

HELLOOOO ANGELS IN CREATIVE CODING IN SPRING 2021,

Hi! I'm Neha and I was in the Fall 2020 section of creative coding with Katherine!

Now that you're in creative coding this semester I have some things to say in terms of how you can make the most of what you learn! First thing's first please be proud of all the wonderful things you've done so far even though you've been in quarantine. You're still being so creative and surviving and pushing through! And you're going to push through and come out of this class having learned a lot and made some interesting projects this semester as well. You can do this!

My first piece of advice would be please make sure to set aside time every week to properly review the class material assigned. Take a few hours to watch the videos, take notes, read the material, take notes, review it again and then spend a few hours coding it all. My next piece of advice would be to reach out if you have any questions! Lilly, who is the TA, and Professor are such angels and always help out :) Also people in class are also really kind and helpful too! I always asked other classmates for feedback or help with code and it made this semester feel like we were more connected.

Another piece of advice I have is to make time to brainstorm coding ideas for sketches but don't spend too much time. For me personally I got so excited with all the possibilities and especially with Katherine encouraging us to be experimental that I would take hours and hours and research forever before coming to an idea. I would suggest that you brainstorm early, break down the ideas you are going to implement in the sketch into digestible pieces and work on it slowly throughout the week. For instance let's say that the sketch is due in 7 days, come up with an idea for it today and part of tomorrow, then code the first part of it the first 2 days and the rest of it spread across 3 days. Then get some feedback if you can and come back to it and touch it up.

But the most important thing I would say is try to have fun if you can! Things are sometimes overwhelming and personally with me I couldn't chill and at one point it was very detrimental to my mental health. Do what you can, angel. Take a lot of breaks and take care of yourself, FIRST :)

You are a whole creative, talented, intelligent soul and I know you're going to make spectacular things! I know you're going to accomplish amazing things this semester. GO YOUUUU :)) You got this!

SENDING LOTS OF POSITIVE VIBESSSS YOUR WAY,
Neha