

Facing Academic Dismissal has really made me realize the importance of dealing with any issue as soon as it appears. I have always been shy with confrontation but after facing dismissal, I have realized that my shyness has been one of the causes of my academic dismissal. If I wasn't so slow to speak to my professor about the exam issue, then I feel that I wouldn't be on the verge of academic dismissal. Along with my shyness I also realized that my indecisiveness has lead me in a negative path during my college career. I have had an issue with making a decision and following that decision. My indecisiveness has sometimes caused me to miss out on the important things in college, which could have possibly prevented me from facing academic dismissal.

Along with my shyness and indecisiveness, I have also realized that the freedom I have received has made me miss my ultimate goal. My parents have always sheltered me, as they are new to this country. Due to being in a foreign country, my parents were scared of many things, as they were not sure as to what certain things lead to. College is one of those things they were no sure of. I was not aware what it is like to go to college in America. My parents went to college, but it was in India, which has an academic and social environment different than that of American universities. I have had to find my way through college without anyone else. I wasn't every of things like minors, different professors for the same class and also the grading style which greatly differs from Indian universities. For this reason, I have always felt like I had no one to depend on or the fact that no one could help me during these times. This lack of help and the new freedom I received from coming to college made me make mistakes that I feel otherwise would not have

happened. I have never been given that much freedom before and I felt that I should do as many things as I could to fully experience what college is all about. This decision had a drastic effect on my grades. I had realized this issue too late and have started to make changes. I realize that more than the social aspect, the academic aspect is more important in college. I have therefore decided to quit some of the social clubs and other things that take me away from my academics.

Realizing that academics are important, I have taken further steps by analyzing my study habits. I have found that I waste some of the precious times I have by talking to friends and such. For this reason, I have decided to make a daily schedule and to follow that schedule which will help me to study effectively. I also believe that I am not being as productive by studying at my residence and so have decided to spend more time in the library to prepare for my classes. During this self-reflection period I have also realized that taking my laptop to take notes in class is not a productive idea. I realize while having a laptop in class, I tend to move off track during class by randomly surfacing on the Internet. I have so decided to not bring my laptop to class anymore, but instead buy notebooks for each of my class and use that to take notes. I believe by doing this I will be able to better focus on my class and as a result do much better in all my classes.

Self-growth is a learning process and I am doing whatever it takes to learn from my past mistakes. I feel that by learning from these mistakes, I will not only prevent myself from making that mistake again but I will also become a more mature person. If I were given the chance for readmission, I would further try to improve myself by putting my revelations into action while continuing to learn to

become a more mature person. I believe that by putting these things into action, I will have a successful upcoming semester without a doubt in my mind.