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Blog entries

Peer mentoring

Thursday, 13th December, 2018 - 8:33 p.m.

This new academic year I volunteered to be a peer mentor for INTO Newcastle University students because I was a student there and I have been through many struggles at the beginning because anything new sometimes is hard to deal with new concerns. Thus, I sent an email to Tony who is responsible for mentoring in Newcastle University. Tony teach us some rules, and then after two weeks for the academic year, I got my mentees. I sent an email to them to set up a meeting. This experience did not go as well as I expected and that because I did not meet them regularly because I met them at a time that they have already learned everything they need to, they do not need me anymore. However, I sent them a meeting, but no one shows up.

Nevertheless, I know my strength in communications skill. Moreover, the critical ability that I gained is leadership, because of two things one, because I took the responsibility of my decision also because I motivated my mentees to feel safe with the new life and help them to go into the university life. I want to do mentoring again next year but with university students and I will improve my skills to gain my mentees next time thus, they can meet me again. Therefore, I will make my meeting within the building and suits my mentees timetable also make sure it is not a lunch break because I know people are hungry at that time.

CSC1024 Computer Architecture.

Thursday, 13th December, 2018 - 8:15 p.m.

The lecturers of this module are lovely. However, I am struggling with this module because this is my first time to go deeply into computer architecture which I never learned before thus, this is what makes the module so hard. Moreover, it was hard to follow in lecture and write notes. Nevertheless, I came up with a new way to help me understand this module, and I tried first to go to the library to look at engineering books I thought this might help in getting the idea behind the computer architecture. On the other hand, I thought for a second if this not helpful then I need to see the recap on BlackBoard. Thus, the results surprised me because now I can explain to others what I have learnt on the computer architecture module.

Moreover, I did the mock exams on BalckBoard, and I am so happy because I did understand most of the subjects and I loved this module more. After I experienced this I know how to deal with this module next semester, I will not give up easily I will always seek creative solutions and try them. I gained through this module many skills; Firstly, is active learning skill by attempting to understand the topics in my way by myself. Also, I got planning and organising skill due the time I spent to achieve the goal of understanding the subjects. Moreover, independence as a result of lead my self and motivate myself to work hard and learn.

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CSC1025 Maths

Monday, 10th December, 2018 - 10:42 p.m.

I studied maths last year in into Newcastle University I can say it was not so easy but I passed anyway. However, this year I started to do maths for my major, in the beginning, I found it kind of easy because I already took most of the topics but the second part of maths was hard. But that was, not the only problem.

The problem is I do not have time to revise what I have taken. Also, tutorials were too long that makes them needs longer time to solve outside of the class so, and I did not find time to do all of this stuff to make sure that I understand what I have taken in the lecture.

However, I tried to do my best in organizing my time, so I decided to do the following :

1 -when I have one hour break I do some questions from the tutorials.

2- I choose to wake up earlier then I do usually so I can have extra time to write my notes.

3- I used an app call FouceKeper to time myself while studying to give every module its own time to consider in a specific time.

4-Once, my teacher told me that is small changes that I made makes a big difference. Thus, I did yoga every day to be still and mindfulness to have a healthier mind and body that is results in having my mind pay more attention in the lecture, and that helps me when I write my notes to reduce the time in understanding.

Therefore, for the future, I will organize my time to revising this module and follow a healthful lifestyle to do my work on time. Nevertheless, next time I know what I will do in the first days of the semester to do my work on time and never delay the work to late time.

Tags: university, maths, time, into, foundation, year, mangment

My experience with module CSC1023

Saturday, 8th December, 2018 - 1:19 a.m.

The first time when I saw my registered modules I saw CSC1023 as one of my modules for stage one and I thought this module looks tough. However, a few weeks later my team and myself we did a presentation, and that presentation did not go as well as expected that is because my group were not cooperating as expected thus we got a bad mark. This module taught me many valuable skills also it encourages me to learn from my mistake. One of my favourite craft that I discovered during this semester with this subject is communicating effectively with my team by asking them to share their ideas loudly instead of talking in social media because in that way we will gain leadership skill and communication. Secondly, I gained good experience in planning and organising with my schedule and to do the work with my team. In short, I earned enough experience to prepare me for working with others. Also, I know how to react next semester if I will have a project with my team. Firstly, asking them to meet in some room around camps and discuss the project and give away the tasks secondly, by ensuring that everyone can give their opinion and agree or disagree of what other members of the team thinks

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CSC1021 Programming.

Tuesday, 4th December, 2018 - 10:28 a.m.

When I started this semester I did not know how to programme and that was making me less confident about myself and depression. However, I know that is hard subject and I am already had been in this kind of experience thus, I decide to find a way that made me getting the programming skills . So I was thinking of how can I learn programming in an effecting way. Thus, I got an idea to ask person who is expert in programming and ask them about their journey in learning programming so what I did is I asked one of the demonstrators about how did he learnt java and he told me that he learned programming java through Udemy Website. I thought it is good idea to learn programming through Udemy so, I decide to schedule my timetable to learn java online I spent 2 hours per week learning java online this result in huge improvement in my programming skill.

What I gained from this experience is self-management skill I know what to do if whenever I faced this kind of challenging I have to firstly ask myself what I have to do to improve this or maybe asking why I did not understand that or what things went wrong then find a solution. Secondly, if I did not know what to do I or the solution I just have to ask an expert in the thing that I feel it challenging, of course they might experience what I am facing. Finally, after knowing the solutions I have to plan a take an action then stick to it until I learn what I have to learn.

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