

Extra-curricular Activities Classification

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The purpose of the task is to classify user-supplied descriptions of extra-curricular activities quantitatively.

1. I provide some examples below:
2. File *sample_read_extra_curricular.txt* contains user-supplied descriptions. File *sample_classify_extra_curricular.csv* contains the classification spreadsheet.
3. Classify the extra-curricular descriptions based on following dimensions:
 - *Greek*: Any Greek life (membership in fraternal societies with names consisting of only greek letters.) For instance, “Phi Alpha Delta” counts as a Greek society. Sometimes the user just vaguely specifies that he has “fraternal experiences”; count that as Greek too. However, if the user does not explicitly state that the organization contains Greek letters or is a fraternal society, there is no need to Google whether it is a Greek society or not; just treat it as non-Greek student society.
 - *Community/Volunteer*: Any volunteering services or community work.
 - *Athletic/Varsity*: Any sports achievements or sports club membership.

- *Non-Greek Student Societies*: Any activities in student government, organizations, societies, student-run journals, or any other university campus activities. Some users say that they have “EC” experiences, treat those as Non-Greek Student Society experience.
- *Military*: Any military service.
- *Overseas*: Any overseas experience (including study, work, internship, exchange, etc)
- *Legal Internship*: Any internship or summer work experience related to legal work, paralegal work, courts, or politics. Sometimes the user does not specify whether it is work experience or internship experience; in such cases, treat it as work experience.
- *Non-Legal Internship*: Any non-legal internship/summer work.
- *Legal Work Experience*: Any full-time and part-time work experience related to legal work, paralegal work, courts, or politics. Again, sometimes the user does not specify whether it is work experience or internship experience; in such cases, treat it as work experience.
- *Non-Legal Work Experience*: Any full-time and part-time non-legal-related work experience, including campus work such as tutoring, research assistantship, and teaching assistantship.
- *Strong Letters*: Any good letters. A commonplace acronym for “letter of recommendations” is LOR.
- *Leadership*: Any leadership responsibilities in any categories above. This includes implied leadership. For instance, some users describe themselves as presidents of clubs, “holding top positions”, or “starting or founding” an organization; count all those as leadership, even if the word “leadership” does not explicitly

appear.

4. If the user has mentioned certain experience, fill *1* to the spreadsheet. Otherwise, leave it blank.
5. If the user reports work experience/internship but does not specify what it is, treat it as non-legal ones.
6. The word “softs” refer to “Non-test-score characteristics”. Some users may describe themselves as having “average softs”, which means that they have comparable activities as their peers. However, if they do not explicitly describe what these experiences are, ignore the word “softs”.