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The purpose of this report is to say how the Academic Skills module have contributed to my learning journey in the University. This module introduced me to skills that is very important for me as a student specially for the demands of higher education.

Since I started I have been able to identify my strengths and areas for improvement, wich helped my capacity to understand how can I grow personally and academically.

Learning about time management I started to became more organized and confident specially in my personal life first and I believe I am more confident to speak and write in English.

One of the first activities was Time Management, witch I quickly realized how important it is to be organized and how that affects the quality of your work.

According to Tracy B. (2017) Eat that frog: the key is to "Select your most important task, begin immediately, work on it single-handedly and finish it!

Another Skill that I found interesting to learn was Note-taking because before I was trying to write almost everything the teachers said but after a few days if I going to see my notes I could not understand or remember what was the topic about properly, so learn different techniques helped me write the the key words more efficiently and that changed how I studied and also when I was to make a revision it was easy to understand and remember the information.

On my experience in Academic Skills module, I can see how much I have learned since I started the University, first because I loved how Peter is as a Lecturer and how he explains and make the topic interesting to learn. I believe this was a very important fact for me because is a very "read module" and as English is not my first language is hard to keep your mind on it.

I believe this module for who is starting or want to start a career in Business or any other area. The skills of time management, note-taking, research, referencing, academic writing, summarizing is essential to grow.

Some parts that went well for me was improving my time management. I believe everything new gives you challenges and you feel struggled thinking how hard is going to be to manage all the things you have in your personal life, work and studies, but after learn about planning techniques and setting clear priorities I started using a weekly planner and this made a big difference in how I managed my work and reduce the stress I was feeling to finish everything on time. Since I started it helped me feel more focused and productive and gave more confidence

Others as a paraphrasing and summarizing was more challenging for me because I did not learn well how to do that in English, so is hard sometimes to not translate to my mother language but I believe these experience helped me to see how capable I am when I focus and what it takes to succeed in higher education.

Harvard referencing was more difficult at the beginning as I was not used to academic sources and I did not know how to reference and how to choose the correctly citations.

I still make mistakes but now I understand the importance of referencing in avoiding plagiarism and make my arguments clear.

Academic and Paragraph writing was new to me because I did not know how to write about my experiences in an academic way. I still need to learn and progress how to find the academic words and write it according to the text.

The experience to study this module helped me grow as a learner and become more independent. I achieved the ability to feel more prepared for the future. I now feel more confident and I discover that my strengths is that I am open to learning and willing to improve. Even if I always feel that I still have a lot to learn and I need to improve my planning and academic tone of my writing.

In conclusion, the Academic Skills module had a big impact on how I deal with my studies, it helped me recognize the topics I need to work on and I learn the tools to improve. I now understand the importance to managing my time, writing clearly and use academic sources properly. These skills have made me feel more confident and prepare for future terms. Even if I still have challenges, specially with academic writing, I feel more motivated and better to handle

them. This module has been essential for my personal and academic development and I will carry these lessons forward in my University journey.