

At the beginning of the course, I was new to University. My writing skills weren't bad, but they needed some tweaking. Much of what I learned in high school was easy to translate, but some of it wasn't. I was always pretty good at getting information and laying the groundwork and also, writing has always been easy for me when I have that foundation; filling in the main ideas was easy. However, when I went to University, I realised that I needed more details and that was something I was missing. It needed improvement, but it wasn't a difficult solution. I must say, sometimes it is hard for me because some sources need more details and others not. This course helps me sort out this problem a bit but also expanding my skills in other areas.

The experience of first day when we split into 5 groups and then had a series of icebreaker sessions really put me at ease. We were asked to share our most memorable, disappointing and frustrating moments of our lives with a group of people who grew after each discussion. I was very surprised when my classmates shared some of their very personal experiences so openly and honestly. I could see the relief on their faces and the feeling of reliving those experiences, as I shared my experiences, I felt lighter and happier, especially since I had a group of people who were really ready and responsive to these conversations. After doing this I discovered a few things about myself: I realized that sharing our experiences, good or bad, helps to let bad feelings go. We must learn to listen to others, it gives a human feel and also builds a deeper connection with others.

This course helps me develop rhetorical knowledge by analyzing and combining different writing styles. This means that I can analyze different writing styles to understand how genre affects the way an author writes and how the reader reads. One of the assignments that helped me achieve this was our work with ad analysis and I can say that, this assignment helps me understand how the ad writing category can differ not only from other genres, but from other ads as well. Time management is also very important for me! During the course, I learned how to do a lot of things I didn't know. I learned to write different kinds of essays like: narrative and

illustration,description and different kinds of academic essays. As i studied and wrote different types of essays,my writing grew.

My writing style changed with my studies and i started to become a better writer. Now i write introductory activities like summaries,peer questions etc.I wrote my body paragraphs so i started writing and i didn't even check if what i said matches to my thesis. I make sure all the information fits correctly and make sens. In the past my introductions and conclusions didn't always line up with the rest of article;i had just cut them both out,but now i'm adding them with the rest of the paper,making sure they make sense. I've also never used traditional words in the past;i just went from one idea to another idea and there was nothing to connect them. Also i would never write a new paragraph when starting a new topic. I didn't have to follow these simple tips to write because my professors never really cared about it.

The main skill i changed was user error! When i started this course,my usage errors were unusual. They were horrible and i didn't notice until i got my first item...When i returned ,i realized that i didn't know what i was doing and started studying. I was determined to get a positive grade on this course and had no intention of falling.

What i like about this course is how much you have to be indepdent,you do not have a teacher next to you to hold your hand and walk you through step by step how to do things.Another important thing that i like about this course is that we have the oportunity to see what we are doing wrong in our roles and correct mistakes. If i could change anything in the course it would be more time for all the work. As a high school student,managing classes,activities and a job in high school is tough,but when add college classes in the mix,things get complicated. Writing essays and improving my writing skills on paper is great,but is not the best thing about the class. The best thing about the class is the people in it. The teacher is also very good and helps me get tought my first class in university with must of my brain cells still intact. Besides all this,time is very important.

What does time management mean to me?

Time Management is the elixir of life. It makes us more productive,happier and more goal oriented in our lives. It motivates us to work better with low stress levels. Thanks to the perfectly controlled approachto time, we are able to

maintain a balance between professional and private life. We can live a peaceful and healthy life.

I am a productive time manager. When i think back to my 5-day week,I find that i was able to fit many events into my week while heeping up with academic knowledge. I'm very busy student so i think i passed my time well and did what was needed. I also made sure to take time for myself (especially on weekends,after classes) and also to talk to my family.

The online courses also saved my time. I have taken several online classes at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David which is only 1 hour drive away. With the travel time alone,I was able to complete many of my tasks. The extra time i have gained with online classes has changed my personal and professional life tremendously.

Online courses require discipline and time management,just like any classroom course. As with traditional courses,online courses has deadlines for homework an it is very important to meet deadlines for online course success. Online courses have helped me with time management as i needed to take the initiative to keep up with school assignments.

Overall, i find the online learning process less expensive,quick and convenient;in principle,I have no transport costs because all i need is internet access which allows me to connect to the virtual classroom. Throught this interface,there is a portal where i can initiate a discussion with my peers,access the teacher's topic notes,view questions with the teacher,download the recorded lectures for the day and submit homework assignments. I do all of this remotely from the comfort of my home office.

I've learned that to be a good distance learner,that I need to be disciplined and be able to be good on my own. You need to be self-disciplined as the teacher is not always there to remind you of homework or projects deadlines. Other commitments may mean that you cannot work as regularity as if you where physically attending the course; It's up to you to make sure you stickwith all of the coursework.

Furthermore,I learned as much from internet as I would have learned from traditional classroom. I don't communicate with the teacher and my classmates,but i can email my classmates or my teacher at any time. Online classes have a discussion forum where my colleagues and I can share comments and ideas about our articles online. I don't feel like i'm missing an

online course;in fact,i gain a lot more than i lose...for example,I involve my family in my homework and get ideas for homework from them. I make a list like a survey and ask everyone for their ideas,it's a lot of fun and gives me ideas for my homework. I also spend time with my family;which is difficult for the non-traditional student.

I feel like i have learned to understand learning better and also understand the value of learning. I understand things better than ever my age;I'm learning to be more serious and to see life in a different way.

Life itself has been my greatest learning experience so far! I feel this because there is so much to learn in life;growing up requires learning in life. Now i'm starting to understand the value of learning because i underestimated learning 2 years ago, i didn't like it as much as i like it now. My attitude in high school was bad because i didn't really feel like i was studying,so i took that for granted. In high school,i felt the teachers were joking,and also felt that they didn't care about raising me properly. Now i'm starting to see the value of education,now i like to learn new things every day.I feel like i'm developing a passion for learning...i never thought i would think this way about school because I never valued it the way i do now. Now i really want to learn;i feel like i have to learn new things.

I also believe that life is a learning experience and the ability to recognize our own strengths and weaknesses can help us become better individuals in everything we do,whether objective skills and abilities or negative personal areas that we need improvement. Knowing yourself and knowing what you can do will help you recognize your weaknesses and overcome them.

Getting over it, i was preparing a research presentation and knew little about the elements that would make this type of presentation successful. I was little nervous as i find it difficult to fake the audience and give a speech,but with the help of tutor's comments,i start working on my fears and confidence by engaging in group chats. My computer skills have improved considerably since the beginning of this module. I was able to use e-mail,the word Microsoft and various ways to find information. The computer sessions helped a lot,so much that i am now sure I use the internet regularly. I also learned how to use database and powerpoint;i will continue to build on what i have learned and constantly improve ,as technology is updated regularly and there is a need to keep up with this trend. Assessment feedback is an important part of learning. It makes students aware of what they can do and what needs to be

improved, both in written and practical work. My communication skills improved, I was able to listen to other people and help them in their needs.

Before this course, my self-confidence had disappeared because part of my family thought I was incapable, incapable of learning, of coming up with ideas etc. I could feel the earth slipping from under my feet, I could feel life passing by me and I was not realizing anything. I didn't understand why they discouraged me so much in everything I did, I felt like I was being sidelined, I felt that I didn't care and that everything I did was in vain because even if I did something good, in their eyes I saw only evil and reproached me that whatever I do... I am nothing in front of them. These words from my family made me suffer so much that I dropped out of school and went to work just to make them happy.

I studied alone, I went in and I had some experience about teamwork. I have always been able to understand certain people and their needs. By enrolling in this course I hoped to learn new things from experienced people and I learned about everything that means skills in the workplace but also business and management, I am sure I will learn many more things during the school year. I believe that each person has a hidden ability that, at the right time and place will develop and use in the future in what he intends in order; to make changes in his life.

In conclusion, this course has completely changed my life. It made me more responsible and saved my time so that I could do everything I set out to do that week. This course helps me to develop my rhetorical knowledge to realise the importance of education and to appreciate it. I learned that I can participate in a quality course through the internet because it gives me the opportunity to learn how to pay attention to small details.

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