

Pre-university reading and writing course

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HIGH SCHOOL IS OVER

You are finally done with high school, life is great and it's time for your next big chapter! You are accepted into a great university, to study what you truly love, you are highly motivated and excited for your next academic, as well as non-academic journey! Life is great, you feel at the top of the world and ready to reach the stars! First week of university arrives, the campus is massive, the possibilities are limitless and you enter a new world - the university one. You'll notice it is a totally different world - you attend your classes whenever you wish, the professor does not know you (most likely he never will) and you have never experienced such freedom before! And then, comes your first assignment. You feel like you will wing it as you usually did in high school, you open up your favourite text editor and just do it. Despite your procrastination, you manage to put yourself together, hand in the work on time and you only expect greatness from it! And then *BAM*, the professor gives you barely 50%. What went wrong?

THAT MUST'VE HURT



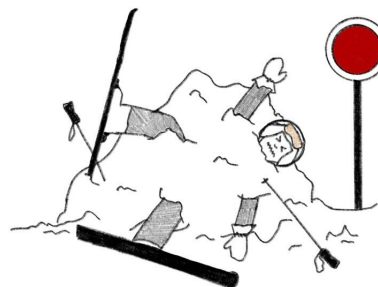
Well, my friend, as nice as it seems, university can be a very challenging and demanding establishment. Without proper mentality and organisational skills, it will be difficult to reach your end goal. Each professor has his/her own requirements, expect from you various skill sets to master and sometimes those expectations are very high. If in high school you could get away with a variety of things, here you are often dealing with experts in their respective fields and such things do not slip by their piercing gaze. Luckily for you, you are currently reading this, therefore we've got your solution - PRE-WEEK COURSES.

PRE-WHAT?



I know, I know, I would think the same thing if I was you - who would be crazy enough to take courses before university, when you can go enjoy your sunny days at the beach with an ice cream in your hand? Well, first of all, let's start with the fact that those courses are completely free! Second of all, the courses will only last a week, so you will have plenty of time to enjoy your holidays that you rightfully deserve. It sounds good and all, but you are probably wondering how this will help you? No worries, we will get to the juicy details in a bit :)

LET'S SLIDE INTO SUCCESS



Let's imagine you are skiing. You usually start with a green slope in the beginning, then you gradually go to blue slopes and later test yourself in red or black slopes once you feel that confidence pumping in you. Well, you see, high school can be seen as green slopes, whereas university slopes are straight up reds and blacks. Here comes the pre-week courses - to add some "blue" slopes that will smoothen your transition from school to uni! Pre-week courses will teach everything you need to know before tackling the rough university slopes: how to take notes, how to sort information effectively, how to approach academic reading, how to approach writing, etc etc etc. In short - the courses will teach how to uni!

HOW TO UNI 101

Those courses will include both on campus for those who would like to join the activity on the spot or online for those who do not have the possibility to be at the campus during that time. The courses will be adapted for each faculty: obviously you will not need to know how to write a scientific report if you are planning on studying history! You will learn pretty much everything you need to know before your academic journey begins: from how to process information that is available to you and strategies you can use in order to take effective notes all the way to the procedure of writing effective works or some team activities in order to familiarise you with teamwork. And of course, don't forget the ice breakers and some fun surprise activities¹ we have got prepared for you ;)

WHERE DO I SIGN?

There you have it: it is fun, useful and free - what more can you ask for? Thanks to the help of our lecturers, their senior students and of course the IT department, the pre-week courses are now a reality. So what are you waiting for? Let your journey begin with a smooth start :)

¹fun activities ideas: board games or some team building games