ACAD Final Project

Surviving Year One

Learning Outcome

Student will become aware of their growth as a first year student and the resources that assisted them in getting there.

Purpose

By creating a message for future freshman, this assignment will give you an opportunity to track your progress and growth as a first year student. It will allow you to recap on the resources that have aided in your first year success.

Instructions

The premise of your group project will be instructing a new group of first-year students in 2013 about how to survive the first year of college. Knowing what you know now, what advice do you have to avoid pitfalls and be successful?

You should include attention to the following:

- Academic tips (could include time management or study skills, advice on professors)
- Campus Life tips (getting involved in clubs, organizations, Greek Life, residence halls, athletic events, and campus services that are important such as Adult and Commuter Student Services or Career Services)
- Campus “Climate” tips: what is the campus like for people? Are there issues we need to tackle? How can a first-year become part of the solution?
- An overview of any important traditions, landmarks, history of the University
- Wellness/Health tips
- Personal/friendship/family tips

Feel free to provide examples of how group members or individuals you know have used these tips you’re providing.

And it all should FLOW together. There should be a sense that the experiences of new students all come together in this terrific mess called the first-year of college. No one experiences these separate parts of college in isolation.

There should be some sense that you incorporated lessons from the class for this assignment. For example, mind mapping is a great way to get organized for the presentation and the paper.

The presentation should be as if you were presenting to new students at orientation. You should plan to use the types of media that engage students. It’s likely a power point should be included.