

Getting The Most Value Out Of Your Time As An SDSU Math Major

I assume you are pre-professional adults.

- ⦿ Pre-professional: university = job training center??
- ⦿ Adult: responsible for decisions and consequences.
- ⦿ Be intentional about your education.
 - ⦿ Realize that every decision has costs and benefits.
 - ⦿ Intentionally decide to heed or ignore advice.
 - ⦿ Intentionally decide to accept or avoid challenges.
 - ⦿ Intentionally decide how much or how little to work.
- ⦿ Long term motivations vs. short term motivations
 - ⦿ Impact on your approach to classes and learning
 - ⦿ Impact on other decisions (job vs student loans, ...)
 - ⦿ Impact on your approach to this class; S/U grading?

Non-Academic Factors That Increase Your Education's Value

- ⊙ It is assumed that math/stat majors will master academic material that is necessary to achieve their professional goals.
- ⊙ Non-academic factors determine how much value you derive from having mastered academic material.
- ⊙ Those non-academic factors include:
 - Reliability
 - Initiative
 - Problem solving skills
 - Written communication skills
 - Verbal communication skills
 - Social and personal skills
 - Interview skills, including resume preparation

Discussion of Today's Recommended Readings

- ⦿ How many read the recommended readings?
- ⦿ How many looked for additional information on the research sited?
- ⦿ What was your reason for your course of action in each case?
- ⦿ Discussion: [Seven Tips For Making Good Conversation With A Stranger](#)
- ⦿ Discussion: [Genius: The Modern View](#) and [Rising Above IQ](#)
- ⦿ Discussion: What, if any, impact will today's class have on you?