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SUCCEEDING AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL

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High School at Home–Purity, Media, and Gaming
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School
An Adult Faith–Transition to Adulthood

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INTRODUCTION

- Our Homeschool
- Our Graduates
 - Top 15 Liberal Arts University, Oxford
 - Large Public University
 - Private Work College, then Grad School
 - Small Private College
- Homeschooling can be outstanding preparation for college!

PREPARATION – MAJORS

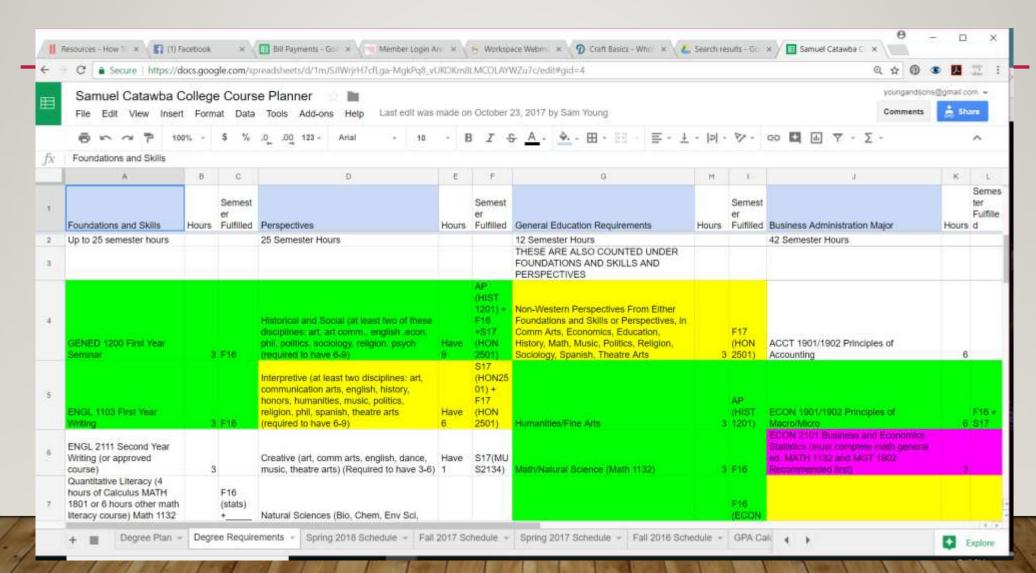
- Do you have to decide now?
 - No!
- What do you need to know?
 - What majors are good possibilities?
 Try courses in several fields to see what's interesting to you
 - What timelines apply for your potential options?
 These might constrain your decision point

CHOOSING CLASSES

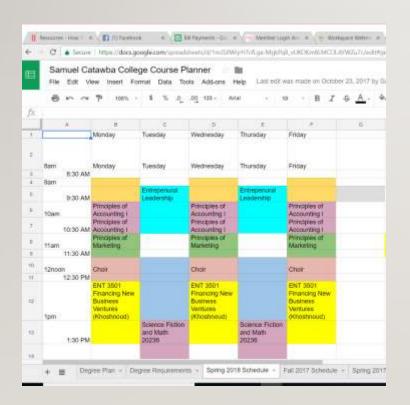
REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

- Foundational or general education requirements
 - Educational balance
 - Chance to try
- Prerequisites
- Class availability
 - Some classes are not available every term or even every year
- Registration process and deadlines

COURSE PLANNING



SCHEDULE PLANNING



- Start plugging classes into a schedule
- Begin with classes with only one section
- Add best alternatives
- Put together a schedule
- Be reasonable about first class, number per day, and time for lunch.
- Don't overdo

IN CLASS

CLASSES – THE SYLLABUS

- Strange requirements and "gotchas"
- Grade rubrics
- Major due dates
- Class schedule

CLASSES – THE ENVIRONMENT

- Be on time!
- Dress nicely
- Consider leaving your laptop and phone in your bag
 - Remember academics are your job!
- Sit up front

CLASSES – CHALLENGES TO YOUR BELIEFS

- These can be attacks or simply debates about your opinions, faith, or philosophy
- "Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." (Matthew 10:16)
 - Be wise and respectful
 - Don't engage in trivial quarrels
 - Be calm
 - Support with evidence

CLASSES – ASKING QUESTIONS

- When are they permissible, and when are they useful?
- If nobody else is asking questions but you have one then why not?
- Not of general interest?
- Other students may push back
 - Anti-intellectualism
 - Jealousy
 - "Not cool"

HOMEWORK

- Assignments may need clarification
- Ask if you're not clear on what resources or assistance are available
- Ask for help if you feel like you're stuck
- Plan ahead and schedule do NOT wait for the last minutes

TIME TO WORK

TIME MANAGEMENT

- It's your job
- Work time vs. leisure time
- Plan downtime
- Plan ahead to get things done, ex. The day you have four classes

DISTRACTIONS

- Entertainment
 - Netflix, Prime
 - Gaming
 - Social media

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- Employment
 - Jobs may be for tuition and living expenses or just for pocket money
 Don't be overambitious PRIMARY job important
 - Keep a calendar of dates and deadlines
- Other Good Things (leadership, clubs, sports)
 - You can't do the one if you don't do the other

DISTRACTIONS

- Campus Life
 - Gabfests are fun but...
 Know if you are trading work or rest
 - You don't have to accept every invitation or opportunity and you shouldn't try
 But don't pass up too many
 - Parties with alcohol or marijuana are kryptonite

PROFESSORS

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Office Hours

- Not all teaching happens in class time (sometimes, none does!)
- Ask for extra work to improve your grade or your understanding
- Talk about further work in the subject
- Ask for extra credit assignments
- Ask what you can do better

PROFESSORS

- Befriend your professors
 - Grades have a subjective part
 - Recommendations from professors
 - Remember they are human
 - They are experts in their specialty but...
 - They are not always right but...
 - Often disillusioned
 - If you show genuine interest in the subject, they will <u>love</u> you

POWERS THAT BE – WHERE TO TAKE APPEALS

- Department Head
 - May be able to override professors
 - Can approve outside credit and special situations
- Dean or Provost
 - Can judge conflicts between departments
- Registrar
 - Help with registration and anything found in the catalog
- Faculty Committees
 - Graduation requirements
 - Interdisciplinary studies
 - Human research
 - May administer disciplinary actions

GRADES AND ALL THAT

EXAMS & GRADES

- Take care of yourself
 - Cramming
 - Physical and spiritual health
- Take advantage of preparation resources
 - Teaching Assistants (TAs) and tutors
 - Library research assistants
 - Writing center
 - Professors themselves
 - Often they're willing to look at early drafts and give feedback

EXAMS & GRADES

- Never just glance and move on
 - Go over it and learn
 - Dumb mistakes
 - Ask questions
 - · Not the end of the world
 - The first bad one
 - You ≠ Your Grades

EXAMS

- You aren't getting style points
 - You're trying to communicate your knowledge of the subject
- Not tests of your beliefs
 - No debate
 - Demonstrate knowledge
 - "According to Plato ..." or "As the author explained, ..."

GPA – THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- When it's important
 - Don't lose qualifications over it
 - Grad school apps
- When it's not
 - Don't worry
 - Most of life

THE REST OF LIFE

LIFE OUTSIDE OF CLASS

- Rest and self-care
 - Outside the bubble
 - Routine (not a strength)
- Church
 - Out of the downhill flow
 - Critical for faith and spiritual vigor
- Campus ministries
 - Worthwhile for your public role
 - Easier to invite friends
 - Real support and accountability

LIFE OUTSIDE OF CLASS

- Family
 - Homeschoolers typically closer
 - Don't be ashamed
 - Call when and how you need to
- Friends
 - Careful about the "inner ring" desire
 - Don't be afraid to be "uncool"
 - Many college students still act like middle schoolers
 - Surround yourself with Christ

SUMMARY

- Prepare well
- Be wise as serpents, harmless as doves in the classroom
- Befriend your professors
- Know where to go for help and appeals
- Put first things first
- Take care of yourself
- This is an investment make it worthwhile

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