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Soc 438

MWF 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Mid-course Reflection

This semester my grades are good with three A’s and one B I would say that I am doing alright for myself so far. I am in my last semester and all of my classes are giving me for my money. They are all challenging, some more than others but it’s the price to pay for wanting to have a degree. I have only done readings and studying so far to keep my grades the way they are but I have papers to do soon and I will be stressed and challenged because I don’t know exactly how I am going to get them finished.

My strengths for studying are that I do give myself enough time to read what it is what I need to read. I also go to the library when I need to study because the environment helps me focus. Studying alone also works well for me because I wouldn’t have that many distractions and once I get studying then I will be there until I feel that I have studied enough for the day or enough that I know all that I need to know. Although I have been able to read a lot faster and better with no distractions, due to the exercises from the learning-to-learn assignments done for homework. As for my weaknesses for studying, not knowing what the material I need to study means. Also having electronics such as a phone, tablet, and laptop make it hard to concentrate because they are so conveniently there. Studying with other people in the same class helps sometimes if they actually want to study but if it becomes a social meeting then I will not be able to get the kind of studying I need done. Being in the course Sociology of Education with such a small class makes it easier to study with others because it is a small class and it seems that others people can really on their classmates to help with studying.

The types of studying techniques I think help me in this class is rereading or skimming over the previously read readings. Since this course is a discussion based course in which both student and teachers talk to each other as equals on the same grounds participation in the discussion help me at times understand the materials. Then when it comes to test time I do find it fulfilling to rewrite all the notes I have to become organized. After having rewritten the notes, memorizing is something that helps me understand the content for this class because there are a lot of things to know. Most important I think that having test reviews and study guides help the most because if my instructor believes the material written to review is important than it is important. If I were to just give a technique that I think would work best in this class then it would be reading and writing the notes that you think are important.

I am not currently doing that technique because I am a procrastinator when it comes to reading for this course. The readings are done hours before the class and then when I finish I skim over it and or go to class. I should read the readings the day before which I may have enough time for if it’s a day I am not working. Also when I am reading before class I should make it a habit that I do take notes instead of just highlighting in the book or readings.