

Advice to Future Students: Argumentation with Pablo Martin

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1. Make sure you attend class and do your readings
2. Take this class!! Pablo is a great professor and you will become a more effective communicator in argumentation when you are through.
3. Show up for class! Participation points will bring your grade down a lot if you miss classes.
4. TAKE THIS CLASS, go to class, participate
5. Don't miss the readings.
6. Do your best and keep up. Ask lots of questions. Talk to your peers. Do extra credit assignments.
7. Come prepared to class and do extensive research in topics
8. Do your work, participate and you will love the class. Its very beneficial to any part of life and you will use what you learn out in the real world so pay attention. You wont regret that you did.
9. SHOW UP TO CLASS! Try to engage with the topics being discussed because this is a "communication" class so at least make an effort to be participate.
10. Meet with your group at least once a week.
11. I would recommend other students to not miss class when it comes to the reading because they can miss out on brief explanations making everything easier.
12. Take notes in class, participate in class, and pay attention.
13. Do the readings, it may seem dull but ask questions about it during discussions. Always ask questions.
14. Do good research for the fishbowl!!
15. Don't miss classes and do your work.
16. I would say participate as much as possible. When you participate it might encourage others to share new ideas that you never would have thought of. Then you can think deeper into the issue and expand your knowledge.
17. Do the reading and study.
18. Keep up on the work. Get involved. Don't fall behind.
19. Don't fall behind. While the course is not all that difficult there is a lot of work to do. Getting behind will only start a snowball chain reaction.
20. Stay on top of everything and you will be good. Don't skip class because it is very fun.
21. The reading journals help. Try and find the key words, phrases and definitions. These will help you on the test.
22. Come to class. Participate. Complete your assignments. Keep an open mind. Go to office hours.
23. Connect with your fellow students. Reach out to classmates regarding assignments even though the assignments are done individually. It's good to have a new set of eyes to look at your work to edit
24. It's simple, get interested in the question of value.
25. Engage in discussions with your classmates!
26. Attend class. Try not to miss many classes or at all because lectures are crucial and group work definitely helps when you have to write your final paper.
27. Listen to class discussions as much as you can because this is one of the ways you gain a better understanding about different topics. I also highly recommend that you raise your hand and get involved when a open discussion is going on.
28. Do the reading journals very thoroughly, this keeps you engaged in the book.
29. Participate, show up, do all work, do not procrastinate, and come to class prepared.

Advice to Future Students (from Professor Pablo's former students in all classes)

Each semester I ask my students to complete an anonymous survey at the end of the semester. Here are their unedited responses to the question, "What advice would you give to future students?"

1. The advice I would give to future students is to stay up to speed with all the reading and truly use all the opportunities we're given to evaluate ourselves and the way we communicate, listen, and perceive others.
2. Come into the class with an open mind and willingness to go out of your comfort zone. It'll be helpful in the long run.
3. Participate, state your opinion on something so that maybe someone can point out something you never considered and you can learn from that.
4. You get as much out of this class as you put in. If you keep up with the readings and assignments you will enjoy the class a lot more. ALWAYS PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS----> it keeps the class a lot more interesting.
5. Really do the critical exercises—they help realize the type of person you are and what kind of relationships you hold and how to improve them.
6. Stick with the course and don't be discouraged. We are all here to learn. Not all of us know everything and not all of us are confident in what we are saying.
7. Have a good time when in class, and when doing exercises. If you think of the work as just "school work" the class isn't as fun. Pablo's class is like Sesame Street for adults. You will have fun in class, and still learn something. And Pablo's personality can be related to Cookie Monster. He's gotta have those cookies!
8. Be open to anything. This class is FUN and a lot can be learned from it but only if you let yourself enjoy the process.
9. Take an English class before the class to learn to write a proper college paper or get help in writing a proper college paper.
10. Always read the directions carefully. If you follow them meticulously you'll do great!
11. Do the work. Take good notes during the lecture. Participate in class. Plan ahead, and have fun!
12. Show up to class. You will regret it if you don't.
13. Pablo is tough and has high standards but they are attainable.
14. Learn the material; take the time to read to understand, not read to memorize for a test.
15. Keep up with the readings and assignments. Also, try to find how the concepts apply in your life.
16. Read the textbook. This was the first textbook I have read from start to finish and I felt it helped me to not only understand the concepts better but also opened my eyes to interpersonal communication in my every day life.
17. This class made me look my life and the people in it in a whole new light, so make sure to do the assignments and take them seriously! :)
18. If you're shy, it's okay because the other 29 students are shy as well.
19. LISTEN in class. What you learn in this course is very valuable and important to every kind of person out there.
20. Manage your time early in the semester so you don't go nuts at the end, have fun, and COMMUNICATE with Pablo!!!
21. Be honest and straight up with Pablo. If you tell him how it is, he will do his best to give you the benefit of the doubt.
22. My advice for the future class is that even when you hate an assignment, always think that it has a purpose, that it is designed to teach us something, and if you don't see it now you will see it later.
23. Just try to have fun and enjoy the class.
24. Take what you have learned and apply it today! Those you love will benefit.
25. My only advice to future student is to get working early on critical exercises. They require the most thought and detail of any of the assignments. By getting a head start you will be able to ensure a good grade on the papers.
26. Enjoy the class and really get all you can out of this class it has a lot to offer and can really give you stronger life skills to live by.