



Achieving Balance: How I Manage My Time as a Final- Year Accounting Student

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As a final-year student pursuing a Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons.) at UiTMCK and a former Vice President of the Members of Bachelor in Accountancy Society (MemBACCs), balancing academics with leadership responsibilities has been both a challenge and a rewarding journey for me. While my peers could often study together and support each other closely. That's not the case for me. As I am staying with my parents in Pasir Mas, Kelantan, I always have to commute at least 50 minutes per way to and from campus, while juggling with classes and at home responsibilities towards my parents. From then, I am forced to put an effort to balance everything out, or achieve nothing at all. While some may assume that being an active member in a club and excelling in academics requires some sort of intrinsic talent I figured that that success actually lies on effort and proper planning rather than just raw talent.

Get Involved Rather Than Sitting Back

One of the best things I've done is to get really involved in class. Instead of just sitting back and listening, I throw myself into it by interacting with my lecturers and classmates. Active participation helps me understand and remember things better. Asking questions, jumping into discussions, and clearing up doubts right away keeps me engaged and makes the material more interesting. This hands-on approach not only makes class more fun but also boosts my grades.

Stay Organized and On Track

Organization is the key and hence I maintain a to-do list that helps me prioritize tasks and manage deadlines. By planning ahead and starting assignments early, I avoid the last-minute rush and reduce stress. This habit has also allowed me to dedicate sufficient time to my role in MemBACCs without compromising my studies. Staying organized is a lifesaver when balancing multiple responsibilities.

Don't Be Afraid to Ask for Help

I'm a true believer of teamwork and reaching out for help when I need it. If I find myself struggling to understand things, rather than keeping it to myself, I go straight to my lecturers for advice. Those one-on-one sessions are super helpful for clearing things up. Plus, I regularly set up Q&A sessions with my classmates to tackle hard concepts together. These study groups are great because they create a space where everyone can learn and grow. Working together isn't just helpful; it's crucial for understanding complex subjects.

Prep Like a Pro for Exams

When it comes to tests or exams, I usually go beyond simply reading my notes. I set clear goals for what I want to achieve and use past papers to gain a better understanding of the material. For challenging questions, I ensure that I grasp the basics before moving forward. I also prioritize my mental and physical health by getting sufficient sleep, maintaining a positive attitude, and managing stress. This comprehensive approach leaves me feeling prepared and confident on exam day. Juggling academic tasks and leadership responsibilities has taught me valuable lessons in time management, resilience, and teamwork. I have come to realize that success is not solely dependent on talent; it requires hard work, organization, and a willingness to seek assistance when needed. With dedication and effective strategies, one can excel in both academics and extracurricular activities.

Therefore, whether you are an accounting student or someone managing multiple roles, remember to get involved, seek support, stay organized, and prepare thoroughly. You've got this!

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