

HOW TO PICK YOUR FIRST COURSES

1 SAM IS A NEW STUDENT AT FIN.
PRIOR TO SAM COMING HERE, SAM GOT IN CONTACT WITH A SENIOR STUDENT FROM THE SAME COLLEGE AT HOME, WHO INVITED SAM TO A CHAT GROUP OF FRIENDS FROM THE SAME COLLEGE.

2 THE ADVICE FROM THE CHAT GROUP IS REALLY HELPFUL FOR SAM, WHO HAS NO CLUE HOW STUDIES WORK IN GERMANY.
SAM GETS A LOT OF INFORMATION ON GETTING SETTLED IN MAGDEBURG AND ENROLLMENT, AND IS FEELING CONFIDENT.

3 SOON, SAM FINDS OUT, THAT THERE IS NO PREDEFINED SCHEDULE, BUT THAT STUDENTS HAVE TO CHOOSE THEIR COURSES THEMSELVES. THE CHAT GROUP HAS POLARIZED OPINIONS ON HOW TO DO THAT.
just take these 5 courses, I also did that...
you need to take some time to choose the courses you want...

4 AND NOW LET US SPLIT THE TIMELINE AND LOOK WHAT WILL HAPPEN!
Timeline A
Timeline B

5 IN **TIMELINE A**, SAM GOES AHEAD AND CHOOSES THE COURSES FROM THE LIST GIVEN BY THE SENIOR STUDENTS. THE COURSES ARE VERY CROWDED, AND SAM DOES NOT GET A SEAT IN ALL OF THEM. SAM HAS TO TAKE ANOTHER COURSE, ONLY BECAUSE IT FITS THE SCHEDULE.
THIS IS SO BORING...
I DON'T LIKE THIS SUBJECT AT ALL...

6 THE COURSES TURN OUT TO BE DIFFICULT, AND SAM IS STRUGGLING TO CATCH UP WITH MISSING PREREQUISITES.

7 AFTER WORKING HARD FOR A SEMESTER, SAM FINISHES THE COURSES, BUT HAS NO CLUE HOW TO PROCEED.
WHICH COURSES SHOULD I TAKE NEXT?
SHOULD I ASK THE CHAT GROUP AGAIN?
WHERE DO I FIND A PROJECT TOPIC?

8 IN **TIMELINE B**, SAM TAKES THE ADVICE TO CHECK OUT THE COURSES, AND AFTER A QUICK SEARCH, FINDS THE STUDY COURSE PRESENTATION FROM THE INTRODUCTORY WEEK, AND GETS IN CONTACT WITH A MENTOR.

9 YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT THE SI@FIN VIDEO INTERVIEWS...
MENTOR
...AND THE COURSE WEBSITES BEFORE CHOOSING A COURSE!
WITH THIS INFORMATION, SAM CHOOSES COURSES FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT AREAS THAT SEEM INTERESTING AND WORK IN A SCHEDULE.

10 THE COURSES TURN OUT TO BE DIFFICULT, BUT SAM CATCHES UP WITH SOME MISSING PREREQUISITES, WILLINGLY AND SUCCESSFULLY.
THIS IS REALLY INTERESTING, I NEED TO WORK HARDER TO UNDERSTAND IT!

11 AFTER WORKING HARD FOR A SEMESTER, SAM KNOWS IN WHICH DIRECTION TO PROCEED WITH STUDIES.
I WANT TO SPECIALIZE IN THIS AREA!
I CAN ASK DR. KOCH FOR A PROJECT, I REALLY LIKED HER COURSE!

12 WHICH TIMELINE WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

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