

Journal #3: Critical Thinking

In becoming a master student in learning, it is critical to have positive hard working approach and perspective toward learning. There are many necessary techniques to help graduate students become more professional in educational and career goals. Firstly, the basic idea is to become an active learner. There are tips to be an active learner such as attending all classes, listening attentively, participating in class activities and being confident to speak and share your ideas. I think doing these can benefit students in learning because this way student can interact better with instructor and get to learn material covered in the class deeply. In addition, students should be active participants rather than passive learners. For myself, when I studied in Thailand, I would always attend the classes and listen to teachers but I did not participate at all, even with classmates. However, I needed to transform myself to be an active learner when I came here to the United States because the learning system here is totally different from my country. Participation and interaction in class are required in graduate classes. Secondly, according to me, the time management is very important during this academic year. I have five classes this semester, if I do not manage time well, I would not be able to complete everything on time. Students have many things to do in limited time. In order to finish all the tasks efficiently, they should prioritize their work. For me, I always make a list of things I need to do or put it on my calendar and set up deadlines, so it reminds me what I should do first. Last but not the least, networking is very important skill in graduate school. I got many opportunities from attending events in campus. I got to know more people, especially, students who study in the same field as mine. It helps me get good general advices from the senior students in order to fulfill our understanding in terms of academic learning. I always get a chance to talk to them and I feel that my knowledge has greatly expanded as a result of this experience. This reflection paper helps me plan ahead for my future area of MBA in this academic year.