15.000, EXPLORATIONS IN MANAGEMENT

Spring 2019. Monday 7-9 pm. E51-345. 3 units. Pass/Fail grading.

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Course Summary:
15.000 is a 3-unit course designed for first year undergraduates so that they can learn about the Course 15 (Sloan) majors as well as learn about the disciplines we teach at Sloan.

A typical session will be:
- Students get their dinners and get settled (dinner provided at each session)
- Faculty speaker for that session describes:
  - how her/his academic discipline is used in practice
  - the types of research questions important to the faculty and others in that academic discipline
  - interactive presentation by the faculty to teach a key/interesting concept applicable to their area
- After the faculty presentation, an alum or current Course 15 student discusses careers in the area of the session’s topic

Course Attendance Policy:
15.000 is graded Pass/Fail. Attendance\(^1\) at all sessions is required in order to receive a Pass.

Course Assignments:
The course assignment in 15.000 is for each student to write six personal "reflections"; that is, write one reflection based on six of our twelve evening sessions. Each reflection should (if possible) be written within three days of the evening session and should be written about any aspects of the session that resonated with you. Perhaps something in the session related to an

\(^1\) An exception are absences due to one of the following reasons: absences excused by a representative of S3, (2) absences due to your observance of a religious holiday or (3) absences because of your competition in an MIT varsity sport. S3 usually limits excused absences to illnesses, injuries, and family emergencies. Students excused by S3 should also let Jim Orlin or Scott Alessandro know of the absence via email prior to class time. Students who will miss classes because of athletic competitions or religious holidays should send Jim Orlin or Scott Alessandro a list of days in which they will be absent at the beginning of the semester.
aspect of your work at MIT or your personal life. Perhaps something in the session caused you to rethink one of your current beliefs. Or perhaps you learned a new concept that of personal relevance.

For each reflection, describe what in the presentation resonated with you and why it resonated with you. There are no “right” answers. Rather, we hope that these reflections are useful to you as you think about 15.000, and perhaps will be useful in other ways as well. On our side, the reflections will help us to learn more about you and your classmates.

The reflections do not need to be long. One paragraph is enough. They should, in general, be less than half a page.

We plan to share some of the reflections with the entire class. If you would prefer that we not share a specific reflection, please let us know.

**Faculty Speaker Schedule:**

February 11 – Andrew Lo (Finance).


March 4 – Michelle Hanlon (Accounting / Finance).

March 11 – Jim Orlin (Sloan Undergrad Faculty Director). Discussion about and student panel on the Course 15 majors and minors.

March 18 – Career Night. Presentations by students, alums, and recruiters about career paths and career exploration.

March 25 – SPRING BREAK

April 1 – Roberto Rigobon (Economics).

April 8 – Nelson Repenning (System Dynamics).

April 15 – PATRIOT’S DAY

April 22 – Ben Shields (Communications).

April 28 – Fiona Murray (Entrepreneurship).

May 6 – Jared Curhan (Negotiation).

May 13 – Ray Reagans (Organizational Studies).