

University Experience Information

You are now in a different environment from high school, you're at a university. What does that mean? For this assignment you need to experience a University event outside of a classroom assigned activity.

Due Dates for reports – When you should complete your activity depends upon your student ID number, just like the Observatory Visit. The schedule is based upon the **last number of your student ID**.

Last Number of Student ID	Event Report Due
5	September 20
6	September 27
7	October 4
8	October 11
9	October 18

Last Number of Student ID	Event Report Due
0	October 25
1	November 1
2	November 8
3	November 15
4	November 22

Obviously if the report is due by a given date, you'll need to do your activity *before* that date. You can also do the activity well before the due date of the report and turn it in right away.

Events to attend: There are a wide variety of events that you could attend and these include public presentations by invited speakers, research talks/seminars that are hosted by departments, a forum or public meeting by a governing body, a special movie that is part of a visit/outreach/event by a group, a career specific meeting for various majors, a student organization meeting, etc.

You should **NOT** attend the following for this assignment (you can certainly go to these but don't write about them) – an activity that is required for a class assignment, a sporting event, a popular movie intended for students (like *Frozen* for example), anything associated with Family Weekend or Homecoming, etc. If you are not certain if the activity is appropriate or not, please ask me before hand.

You will likely find notices for many of these events posted around campus or sent out to you via e-mail. You may also want to check the listing of events in the University Calendar which has activities listed for every day.

What to note during the event: Since there is no specific event to attend, some of these items may or may not apply to the activity you attend. But be sure to note several items during the event, such as

- What is the event, when did it take place, where did it take place, how long did it last
- Who sponsored or put on the event
- Approximately how many people attended
- What was done at the event (the subject of the talk, the format, etc)

- Were there any additional activities that took part in conjunction with this, for example with special movies there are often Q&A sessions afterwards or remarks by someone associated with the movie

What you need to write up: You will address the items that are noted above and then also make sure you address a few other questions -

- What was your opinion of the activity?
- Was it worthwhile? Why or why not?
- Was there anything “wrong” with the activity (errors, mistakes, poor presentations, etc. – this may not be the case, but if there was something wrong be sure to note it)?
- Would this be something you would have done 2 years ago?
- Did you gain anything from this activity? If so what? If not, why not?
- Did you have a change in perspective/attitude/mindset based upon this event?

It is not enough to just summarize the activity, but to clearly explain the significance of it and your perception of it. The length of your report of this event should be at most **2 pages double spaced** typed, though you can have more pages if you get really detailed, 1-inch margins all around, 12 pt font. If you have any additional research about the topic, you can include that, but it is not required. Any references should of course be appropriately formatted.