

Suggestions from past Graduates...

Here are my comments advice for future students:

1. If you know someone stay with them and not in a hotel....if you don't know any one stay in on-campus housing (really cheap and nice!)
2. buy the meal plan...great, healthy food and cheap...then you aren't scrambling to find a place to eat and being rushed
3. Go on the booze cruize...lots of fun
4. the week gets long, but you will make it!
5. Walk at graduation...you drive all that way to not walk!

Sending smiles,

Elizabeth '10

A suggestion that was given as a back up was to email your presentation to yourself (the powerpoint) - just in case there was some problem in accessing a jumpdrive, etc. It is a good idea to have a back-up. It also seemed like it was easier for us to use jump drives than to bring our own laptop. A few people who tried to hook-up their own laptops seemed to have a few snags. Things worked out, but who needs that kind of a scare?

On the other hand, having a laptop would be convenient for writing the paper that needed to be written during the week. It would be helpful if they let us know AHEAD OF TIME that we would have the ability to print on campus. Again, some who tried to tie their own laptop into the printer at the library had some trouble - even following the given directions. Suggestion: even if you bring your own laptop, be sure to bring a jumpdrive. My presentation went fine. I just followed the rubric. People were very friendly and receptive. I enjoyed all of the presentations that I attended. It was really wonderful that I was able to present in the first group on the first day. Then, I was able to relax and listen.

-Laura '10

It was a great week. Very spiritual. I would say that the presentations that I attended all seemed to follow the rubric that we were given for the presentation part. The best ones this week followed a strict format of :

- Statement of problem
- (Brief finding of Lit. review)
- Project design
- Findings
- Conclusions
- Questions and future implications

I would also say that they should not have more than a couple of power point slides per research chapter. The best ones were short, sweet, and to the point. The ones that rambled on lost not only the audience but the professor as well.

I hope this helps. Please tell them that they will make it through this and they won't believe how good it will feel!!

Sean '10