ADVICE FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

At the end of each course, we ask the graduating participants to each note one piece of advice for the next year's class. The following is verbatim advice that previous classes have asked us to pass on to you...

Start your assignments straight away.

Don't leave it all to the weekend like me. Use any free time you have to at least put a structure around your assignments, before starting. Don't be afraid to ask faculty and other participants for help.

Get your study group working early, as I found it great help in subjects and areas I was not strong in. I think most students will find a weak area. This helps.

Write up your own thoughts on each subject after each module even if you don't write the section of your assignment.

Start early... Start early... Start early... Don't underestimate the workload! Be openminded on everything. Don't dismiss anything until it's finished.

Don't waste the textbooks – read them, study them – this is what I did and it stood to me.

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Have a plan to deal with assignments, they come thick and fast. Start early. Make notes as you go.

Talk to your fellow students about any problems you may be having as they are probably having them too!

Take the advice and review and follow-up after each module. Do plenty of research. Get plenty of sleep before and after each day.

Don't leave your assignments to the last minute and do the pre-reading before each module.

The usual – don't leave it until the last minute to complete assignments! Enjoy it.

Make sure your diary is clear for course days as you won't have time to do anything else! Try and not miss any course days.

Get to know your class – you learn lots from each other also. In particular, use the study groups.

Get reference material as soon as you can. Build up your library of reference.

Allow much more time for assignments and course work than you think you might need.

Give it time because it takes time to study.

Attend all classes as it is difficult to catch up. Get started early on case studies.

Complete the programme. You will benefit enormously.

Start reading and assignments early and heed any advice offered by lecturers to get the assignments done - they are right. Share your assignments plans at work - involve senior

management team in your experience.

Put in the hours. If your study group is not working, change to one that does.

Read, understand and build upon the pre-

class reading so as to maximise your

education from the classroom lectures. The more you put in, the more you got out. Don't leave everything to the last minute.

Doing assignments takes three times longer than you think it will.

Get into a really positive study group that meets all the time.

Enjoy!