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| **Student Voices: Time Management (Group 3)**  |
| [00:00:00.00] How I normally set up my schedule is basically in blocks. So today I started at 8:00, and my last class will be at 2 o'clock. So then I have classes beginning of the day, and then I don't have to come back except for Tuesdays. So I do Tuesdays and Thursdays block classes. So then I have Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and the weekends to do my homework.  |
| [00:00:20.97] The most difficult challenge that I found is scheduling my classes. I plan to schedule for two days, which it would have been Tuesday and Thursday. But I found it really difficult to handle four classes in one day. I couldn't handle that.  |
| [00:00:35.20] So I finally scheduled for Monday through Thursday. Three classes on Tuesday and Thursday, and one class on Wednesdays and Mondays.  |
| [00:00:46.84] This quarter it's difficult for me to schedule my classes because most of the classes were in the evenings. And I can't be here in the evenings because I commute from Cincinnati. That's a hour drive. The class starts at 7:00, ends at 8:30. I'm not getting home till really late.  |
| [00:01:02.98] So there were only a few classes I could pick. Like chemistry, there was only one class open. So I had to give up a math class in order to be able to do my chemistry and finish the series. So have to prioritize which one you want to do more and see what's available in the summer so that you can finish out your series.  |
| [00:01:20.21] The problem I had was similar to Allison's is that when you know what classes you want to do, then seeing sometimes they're at the same exact time. So you've got to choose, which one do I want to do? Really prioritizing. |
| [00:01:32.78] And also since I'm only going to be here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, how do I want to schedule my time? Do I want to be here all day or do I just want to be here in the mornings? Stuff like that. And also working homework into that and stuff like that is hard sometimes.  |
| [00:01:49.04] I have to schedule around my child. I have a six month old. So I really don't care what class I have to take, it just matters about my child and when I can drop her off to a sitter and be able to pick her up.  |
| [00:02:08.73] I have to make sure that I get out of here at a reasonable time, because I'm not going to want to go pick up my daughter at 10 o'clock at night. It's a little too late. But it's hard being a single mother, but it works.  |
| [00:02:19.39] One of the most difficult challenge, I will say, I came across when I got to the States, it was that I was supposed to work and study. So I used to work Tuesdays and Thursdays, two days a week, and study three days a week. And since I got here to Sinclair, I have been doing homework like crazy. Two or three homeworks per class.  |
| [00:02:42.42] So the method that I came up with, I said to myself, well, I've got to make it through these classes. I've got to do my homework and work, because I need to support myself. So I decided to do all my homework. I will work every night til 11:00, 12:00 at night. But I know it will pay off.  |
| [00:03:00.92] There's more than just balancing your time and when you can take your classes and homework. You also gotta have a little bit of free time for your own sanity.  |
| [00:03:09.46] Exactly. |
| [00:03:09.96] You have to have that. Like last night, I had a tutor. It's just a friend of mine. He's in Spanish 3, and I'm not very good in Spanish.  |
| [00:03:20.01] And we stayed up probably til 2 o'clock in the morning, but about midnight I'm like, we have to take a break. We're gonna take a half an hour break because I've been at this for way too long. And you have to be able to vent and step away from chaos for a minute. |