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Get around in New York City College of Technology

Being a college student in New York City is just as difficult as and possibly even more challenging than having a high-level full time job in today's job market. My name is Peter Franco and I am a member of the Freshman Administration group. I have been in The City College of Technology for about 2 years now and previously went to Queensborough Community College for the same period of time. Being the first person in my family who made it to college, I have pretty much been on my own the whole way here. I did not know how to apply for financial aid, apply to courses, and definitely had no clue how to look up professors. So in order to make your life easier, here are couple things you should know if you are enrolled as a Telecommunication Engineering student in The City College of Technology.

In your first semester of being in the college you need to be able to get around because if you ever need help it would be good where to go. You will need to know where you take your classes and where you need to go to make payments etc. There are also many little things that knowing from now will help a lot like when and where to go for advisement and even where the best bathrooms are!

First of all, if you are just starting college for the first time, from now you should learn how to pace yourself and organize yourself on how you manage your work. Even though you may have friends or an idea of what's coming your way, you are always going to be on your own and no one can do your work for you. For the most part, it is not going to be easy, especially if you work at the same time. So, prepare yourself before every class. An agenda for each class would be helpful so you can jot down homework and tests dates. Also, it would be good if you knew a little about the professor you are going to have in class before enrolling. If you use Ratemyprofessors.com, you can get a little piece of information on the teachers you may encounter. Keep in mind this is not perfect and could over-do it, but it is a great tool and can be beneficial to you.

Before coming into NYCCT you should learn the map of the college campus. It would be a good idea to come to the campus maybe a week before you commence and just walk around so you know where your buildings are. As a telecommunication student, the main buildings you will use are the Namm



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Building and the Vooheers Building. The Namm building is where you will solve all of your general issues. For example, financial aid, registrar, and the bursar office are all located on the 1st floor. If you were need to get on these lines be sure you come with time because you should expect a long wait before being attended. Also, in the Namm building you will take all your general classes such as English, Math and Social Science courses. Be sure to come on time! This is critical not only because you need to be in class on time to pass but also because the elevators are crowded most of the day.

On the other hand, the Vooheers (V building) is the heart of our major. Similar to the Namm Building taking the elevators here is a nightmare because there's only two and they take forever to come. Nonetheless, here you will take all your major courses and speak to professors whenever you need help or assistance. Be sure to learn the names of all the professors because it is a good whenever you need help. The 7th floor is where the office for Telecommunication students is located. Professor Mirandi, and Professor Kaur are great people to know because they will help you when it comes to advisement and even job seeking tips.

Finally, the last key important part of being in this college is learning how to deal with other students. Here in New York City it seems like everyone is to themselves and don't like to be bumped out their zone. People are friendly and you will make friends but for the most part, approaching strangers is not something you will find so easy. On the corner of Jay St you will find a deli that you may make good use of.

In the end, a college experience is something unique and something that will mold us as a better person for future jobs to come. Knowing and preparing yourself for little things like getting to class on time will make your life easier when you need to apply to jobs and pursue a career.

Sincerely,

Peter Franco
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