City Tech 101

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#YellowJacketLife: The Buzz on Getting Involved

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Today's Topics

- ★ Vocab Experiment Results
- ★ Why Participate?
- ★ Co-curriculars @City Tech
- ★ Extracurriculars @City Tech
- ★ Vocabulary Module 3
  A visit from SLD

Experiment Results

Remember our vocab experiment from last time?

Let's check to see which terms we remember best…

WRITE DOWN EACH DEFINITION YOU CAN REMEMBER. PLEASE DON'T TALK OR SHARE ANSWERS WITH YOUR CLASSMATES!

Vocab Term	Definition
Academic Alert	
Attempted Hours	
Hold	
Service Indicator	

WHICH DEFINITIONS DID YOU GET RIGHT?

Vocab Term	Definition
Academic Alert	Students are placed on Academic Alert at the end of a semester if they do not meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirements set by the College.
Attempted Hours	Attempted Credits are the total credit hours of classes taken by a student, whether or not a student received credit for the classes by passing. Students' attempted credits may equal no more than 150% of the total credits they accrue.
Hold	A hold is a stop placed on a student's record that may prevent them from registering or using certain college resources. Holds may be financial, academic, or based on other requirements.
Service Indicator	A note on a student record. Depending on the nature of the note, this may lead to a hold or a block being placed on a student account.

Questions:

- **When you were reminded of our experiment, which words first popped into your head? Why?**

- **Which terms can you define now?**

- **What do you think these results might tell you about the best ways for you to study and learn?**

Why Participate?

Personal Benefits

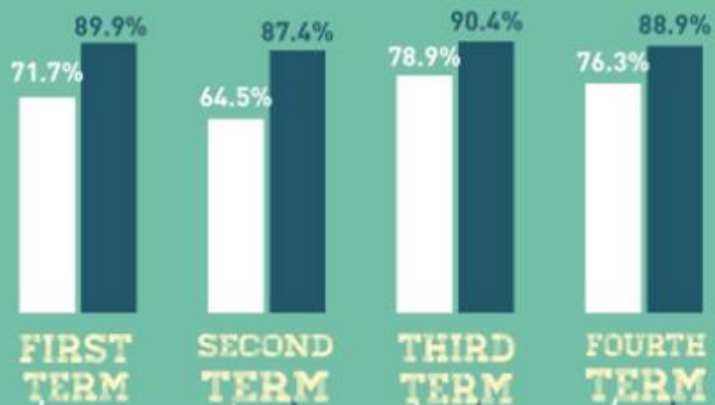- Make friends
- Build community

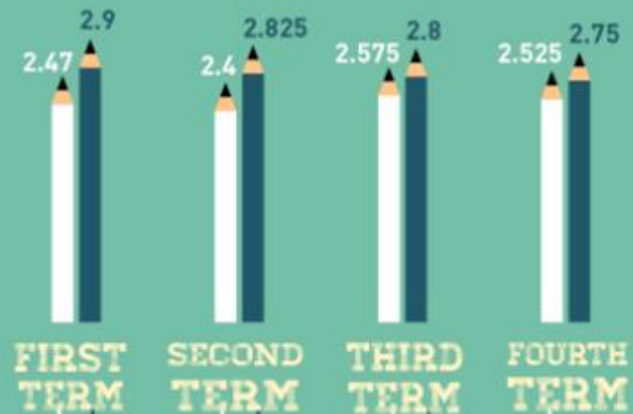- Discover interests
- Explore areas of study

Academic Benefits

Students with Good-Standing Rates

Good-standing: Undergraduate students whose cumulative grade point average is 2.0 or above.

	Non-Participants	ECA Participants
FIRST TERM	71.7%	89.9%
SECOND TERM	64.5%	87.4%
THIRD TERM	78.9%	90.4%
FOURTH TERM	76.3%	88.9%

Average Cumulative GPA

	Non-Participants	ECA Participants
FIRST TERM	2.47	2.9
SECOND TERM	2.4	2.825
THIRD TERM	2.575	2.8
FOURTH TERM	2.525	2.75

Non-Participants

ECA Participants

Career Benefits

LANDING A JOB

Your academic transcript may be what gets your foot in the door, but employers look for candidates with relevant experience when making hiring decisions. Extra-curricular activities help you gain the key skills and experiences to help you land that job.

"The biggest challenge is showing relevant experience, which employers say is one of the most important factors they look for in applications form recent college graduates. This isn't limited to professional work experience ... *school activities and volunteering also qualify as relevant experience* and can be included in your resume as well."

- Brent Rasmussen, president of CareerBuilder North America

THE LEADER OF THE ECA PAC: THE INTERN

Benefits for New Grads with Intern Experience

When it comes to landing a job, an internship is far and away **the most valuable extra-curricular to have on your resume.** According to 2010 Boston University survey and 2008 NACE survey:

31%

Higher Salary

53%

Job Offer by Graduation

75%

Preferred in Hiring

Sources

- Boston University
- California State University, Sacramento
- Careerbuilder.com
- The College Board
- Collegiate Assessment
- Elearninginfographics.com
- Graduate Management Admissions Council
- Harris Interactive
- National Association of Colleges and Employers
- National Center for Education Statistics
- Stanford University

Hard Skills vs. Soft Skills: What's the Difference?

Hard Skills:

Specific knowledge and abilities needed in order to perform a certain job

For example: An architect needs to be able to draft blueprints, have a knowledge of the strengths and uses of various building materials, etc.

Soft Skills:

Knowledge and abilities that don't directly relate to a certain job, but that make an employee valuable

For example: communication skills, interpersonal skills, managerials skills, etc.

Building Skills Through Participation

- Decision-Making Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Managerial Skills
- General Workplace Knowledge

Co-curriculars @City Tech

Co-curricular

Programs, clubs, + activities directly related to what you are studying in college

Extracurricular

Programs, clubs, + activities NOT directly related to what you are studying in college, but still relevant to your growth as a student or a person

Co-curricular Examples

Honors Scholars Program

Emerging Scholars Program

Undergraduate Research department

Academic Competitions

Place-based Learning

Internships/Externships

Clubs related to a major or department

Events related to a major or

Study Abroad Programs

More information: http://citytech.cuny.edu/research/
http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/pdc/
https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/student-life/

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Extracurricular Examples

Affinity Clubs (ex. Bengali Students Club, Chinese Christian Fellowship)

Social Clubs (ex. E-sports Club, Step Team)

Student Government

Peer Mentoring (ex. FYP Peer Mentors, Perkins Peer Advisement)

Social Events (ex. Welcome Back Bash, De-Stress Week)

Community Events (ex. PLAN Week, Literary Arts Festival)

Volunteering (ex. Spoons Across America)

More information: https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/student-life/
https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/sga/

If you can't find what you are looking for...

Start your own club!

How To Get Involved

- Student Life and Development (SLD) website
  - Yellow Jacket Journey
- OpenLab
- Instagram
- Facebook

- Flyers on campus
- Club + Activities Fair
- Email Announcements
- Discord Chat
- Weekly PM Newsletter

Here is our final vocabulary list. Based on our past work and discussions of vocabulary, what strategies will you use to learn these words?

- Alumnus/Alumna/Alum
- Co-Curricular
- Club/Activity Hours
- Dean
- Department
- Department Chairperson/Chair
- Empl ID

- Feedback
- Financial Aid
- Graduation Honors
- Honors
- Provost
- SPARC
- Student Center
- Syllabus

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Recap

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Before Session 9...

Complete Reflection on OpenLab by replying to Reflection #8 Post.

Reflection #8
Think about a time when you joined a new group activity (maybe a team, religious retreat, club, or workplace).

* *How did you feel when you first joined?*
* *Do you recall a moment when you felt like you were part of the group?*
* *What benefits did you get from participation in the group?*

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