Office Hours Case Studies

Directions

After learning about Interacting with Faculty Members in class, you will select one of the two case studies below. Develop a clear plan of how the student should use office hours. Your plan should be written from the student's perspective and should clarify the goals for the session and questions to prepare.

Case Study #1

Name: Alex Martinez

Background: Alex is a first-year international student majoring in Environmental Science. He has always been passionate about climate change and its effects on biodiversity. Alex chose Rutgers because of its renowned Environmental Science department and the research opportunities it offers. He is currently enrolled in "Introduction to Environmental Science" taught by Dr. Jane Foster. Alex is struggling with the recent assignment on "Impact of Urbanization on Local Ecosystems" and is unsure about the sources he should use. He's also curious about research opportunities in the department and any upcoming events or seminars related to his field of interest.

Case Study #2

Name: Priya Singh

Background: Priya is a first-year international student who has not yet declared her major but is leaning towards Psychology. She's currently taking "Introduction to Psychology" with Professor Mark Daniels. Priya finds the subject fascinating, especially the topics related to child psychology. However, she's having difficulty understanding the recent lecture on "Cognitive Development in Early Childhood" and how it relates to Piaget's theory. Priya is also considering Psychology as her major and wants to know more about the specialization in child psychology, potential research opportunities, and any internships or volunteering opportunities related to child counseling or therapy.