ACTIVITY: U.S. Classroom Simulation

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   • 3 minute time limit  
   • Share with all participants
Responses

1. What are you most excited to experience in U.S. classrooms?
   - Exercise—getting from class to class across campus
   - Learning about different cultures
   - Campus life/community
   - Tobacco-free campus
   - Huge lectures
   - Small lectures
   - Making new friends
   - Independent/away from home
   - Writing essays
   - Getting help when needed
   - Learning how to cook properly
   - Having motivation to go to the gym
   - Animals around the school

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3. Finally, starting with the person who shared third in step 2, and allowing time for everyone to speak, **REVEAL WHAT YOU ARE MOST NERVOUS ABOUT AS YOU BEGIN YOUR STUDIES**
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Responses

1. What are you most nervous about as you begin your studies?
- Writing essays
- Using English to study
- Living on our own
- Understanding lectures in English
- Different educational system
- Teachers
- Time management
- Public speaking/presentation
- Group work
- Procrastination
- Mental health
- Reading a lot of materials
- Starting everything from scratch
- Sleeping in class

Peer Experiences

- Stories
- Challenges
- Solutions
B-Engaged

- **Website:** https://bengaged.binghamton.edu
- Promotes campus events, student clubs, and news
- Sign in using your PODS account (what you use to sign into your email)
- You may see references to a “G.I.M.” in B-Engaged at the beginning of the semester
  - G.I.M. stands for general interest meeting
Bing Pop

- **Website**: https://bingpop.com
- Promotes events in the greater Binghamton area

- **The next big event**: LUMA 2019
  - September 6 and 7

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**Points of Conversation**

- Teaching Approach
  - Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous

- Professors’ Expectations
  - What to think vs. How to think
  - Theory vs. Application
  - Hierarchical Relationship vs. Truncated Relationship

- Keys to Academic Success
  - Attend Class
    - In-Class Participation
  - Resources
    - 4 Ways International Students Can Participate in Class by Jia Guo, U.S. News & World Report
    - “Tips For Participating In Class Discussions”, University Counseling Service, The University of Iowa
  - Organization/Time Management
  - Proactive vs. Reactive

- Plagiarism: Cultural Context
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

Keep making new friends

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Keep working hard, learn from your mistakes — they shape us not Break us!!
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you.

Be Positive,
Work hard.
Don’t lose hope...

Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you.

Life is like a game,
Enjoy the play.
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

JUST WAIT...
Everything will be
just FINE

Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you

Join a Club!
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you.

Go to office hours!

Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you.

Everybody here is here to help you! Ask :D
Hello new student, here is a piece of advice for you
Stay away from SCAM CALLS.
- No officials will call to tell you that you are getting arrested...
- Keep looking those mail...
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DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?