



You Pick Two

Your dream company has come on campus to interview. They have decided to award you an “alternate” interview slot, meaning you have the last pick at signing up. They have two openings: one at 2pm, and one at 7pm. You have conflicts with both:

2pm: At 2pm, you have an exam worth 30% of your grade. Your professor is notoriously tough on excused absences, and he does not believe work comes before school.

7pm: At 7pm you have to attend your best friend’s singing performance. You have known this friend since the start of high school, and you two are practically inseparable. Your friend will be moving to California in two weeks. In the past few months, you have also developed feelings for him/her. And, to make things even tougher, your friend says you are always his/her good luck charm at performance.

You must choose two of the three: interview, exam, or performance

Takeaways

In life, many decisions require one sacrifice or another. Your core values will help you decide. You may also be able to find an alternative that you did not originally consider. Using your resources in certain situations may yield extremely favorable results.

Issues

- ✓ What are the opportunity costs involved?
- ✓ Who are the parties that could be affected by your decisions?
- ✓ What are your available options?
- ✓ Do you have a preference?
- ✓ Core values - Loyalty, Career, etc.?

Rules and Regulations

- ✓ Class?
 - ✓What are the rules for missing class for an interview?
 - ✓What are the rules for missing class for an interview if another slot was open?
- ✓ Friend
 - ✓Previous conversation about situations like this?
- ✓ Employer?
 - ✓Does the employer have any relevant rules?
 - ✓BCS Interviewing Rules and Regulations

Relevant Questions

- ✓ Personal Implications?
- ✓ Opportunity Implications?
- ✓ Google?
 - ✓Is there any other opportunity to interview with Google?
 - ✓Is Google your only option? Your best option?
 - ✓Do you think that the interviewer will be more receptive to interviews in the afternoon or evening?
 - ✓If you don’t fill the spots, will someone else?
 - ✓Will this job pay?
 - ✓ How much?

- ✓ Are you paying for college? Other expenses?
- ✓ Is there an opportunity to obtain your first job out of this opportunity?
- ✓ Friend?
 - ✓ Would the love work if the friend is moving?
 - ✓ Will taking the interview slot hurt your friendship?
 - ✓ Exam?
 - ✓ Will your professor understand if you miss class?
 - ✓ Will you receive a lower grade for missing class?
 - ✓ If so, can you make it up with extra work? How much extra work?
 - ✓ Have you missed a few classes already?
 - ✓ How will your professor react if he/she knows that there was an additional time slot?
 - ✓ Is there any way around the exam?
 - ✓ Could talking to the professor help?
- ✓ Purpose of Higher Education?
 - ✓ How important is the education in higher education?
 - ✓ How important is obtaining employment during and post-college in higher education?
- ✓ Class Implications?
 - ✓ Is your attendance in the course mandatory?
 - ✓ Exam?
 - ✓ Will you suffer?
 - ✓ Professor?
 - ✓ Will your absence make it more difficult for the professor to impart the lesson?
 - ✓ Will your absence create a greater workload for your professor?
 - ✓ Time teaching you out of class?
 - ✓ Time assigning and grading make up assignment?
 - ✓ Will your professor hold it against you for missing class?
- ✓ Friend Implications?
 - ✓ If you decide to interview at 7pm, will you still be able to spend time with your friend?
 - ✓ If you decide to interview at 7pm, will your friend do well?
 - ✓ Are other friends attending?
 - ✓ When is the next time you will see your friend?
 - ✓ Would your friend understand why you took the interview and did not attend?
 - ✓ What if your friend knew you had another time slot available?

Available Resources

- ✓ Professor, Employer, or Friend?
- ✓ Deans, BCS, etc.?
- ✓ Other professors?

Available Options

You have three important commitments, and they are in conflict with each other. How do you manage this situation? How do you choose? Are there ways to participate in all three?

Final Choice

What do you owe yourself, your classmates, your professor, and your friend?