



Two Minute Challenge: 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 2 pm, and one at 7 pm.

You have conflicts with both:

2 pm: 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.

7 pm: At 7pm you have to attend your best friend’s singing performance. You have know 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. What do you do?

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?

Employer? Does the employer have any relevant rules? BCS Interviewing Rules and Regulations

Friend? previous conversation about situations like this?

If caught, what will the likely consequences be? Termination? Job reference? Discount?

Questions

Personal Implications? Opportunity Implications? Google?

Is there any other opportunity to interview with Google?

Is Google your only option? Your best option?

Are you paying for college? Other expenses?

Is there an opportunity to obtain your first job out of this opportunity?

Purpose of Higher Education? How important is the education in higher education?

Class Implications? Is your attendance in the course mandatory?

Exam?

Professor?

Friend implications?





Resources

Professor, employer, or friend?

Dean, BCS, etc.?

Other professors?

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?

Takeaway Lessons:

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

