Out-to-Lunch Assignment

Due: ________________________________

Out-to-Lunch Process: Choose one of your professors in another class to ask out to lunch. You can learn more about his/her research interests, career paths, hobbies, etc. See the reverse side of this paper for a list of possible questions to ask your professor.

Logistics:

✓ Invite a professor to lunch by asking him/her before or after class, calling his/her office, or sending him/her an email

✓ Choose a place to eat on campus. We recommend the Grand Market Place (in the RHUU), Preston’s at Noon, Colloquium Café, Gibbes Court (Capstone) or Bates Carolina Diner.

✓ Review your professor’s website before going out to lunch. Pay special attention to his/her research interests.

✓ Brainstorm questions to ask your professor before going out to lunch. Review the list of suggested questions provided, or come up with your own.

✓ Write your reflection paper soon after your lunch.

✓ Write your professor a thank you note letting him/her know how much you appreciate them taking the time to have lunch with you.

Reflection Paper:

✓ Write a two page paper reflecting on your experience going Out-to-Lunch with your professor. Review the following ideas for prompts for your paper.

✓ Writing prompts:

  o What were your feelings before going Out-to-Lunch with your professor? What did you know about him/her before this experience?

  o What did you learn about your professor? What are his/her career interests?

  o What did you gain from this experience? What did you learn?

  o How can you connect what you discussed with your professor to your personal goals or career aspirations?

Out-To-Lunch website: www.sc.edu/ace/otl.html

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