

SWOT Analysis

A SWOT analysis looks at the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that may inform and/or impede my advancement toward my goals. For the purposes of this review, the responses are related to either/or my own characteristics or the characteristics of the environment surrounding the information studies, AI, teaming, ethics, and related fields. These lists are short-hand, and the single or few words associated with a category are intended to imply a more thorough understand of the relationship between the terms and the characteristics. I have been making lists like this, writing and re-writing performance and promotion documents, as well as school applications, and participating in exercises that require me to think about similar characteristics of myself. In undertaking it again, I didn't find *too much* that was surprising, but I was able to think through themes and identify areas of focus. I can use these and adjust each semester to try to better prepare myself for my future directions. For example, I often find that I'm nervous and reticent to participate in conversations during class, but I made it a goal to speak up in my classes this semester. The goal of this isn't to hear myself talk, but rather to work on one of my most easily identified weaknesses, a strong lack of confidence. I can build on this work in future semesters, and use the work I've done to address other weaknesses like public speaking. Further, by actively speaking in class, I was able to more comfortably engage with my cohort, and have established connections for future collaboration (and general sanity through the program.)

Strengths

Continuous Learning
Strategy
Integrity
Big Picture

Critical Thinking
Analytics
Data Visualization
I/O Psychology
Consulting
Conversational Writing
Idea Generation

Finding complex connections
Concern for others
Conscientious
Networking
Interdisciplinary background
Real-world experience
Breaking comfort zone

Weaknesses

Expect everyone wants a large amount of autonomy
Divide attention a lot
Pre-pub requirements
Procrastination
Need interest to engage
Weird schedule
Excessive validation

Lack of confidence
Shifting attention
Fail to finish projects
Details
Public speaking
Roll my eyes a lot
Research methods
Show emotion on face

Don't always look at someone when I'm focused
Wandering mind
Lose track of uninteresting conversation
Informal/Unserious
Multi-tasker
Perseverate on concerns

Opportunities

Independent Research
Integrative paper
Dissertation
Conferences
Virtual seminars
Collaborating with cohort colleagues

Changing research landscape
Changing research focus
Growing interest in the field
Faculty with related interests
HATIT project
Additional ARLIS projects

Threats

Lack of confidence
Imposter syndrome
ADHD and related symptoms
OCD/Anxiety
Depression
Time

Work funding
Negative tendencies
Letting neurosis define me
Publication issues - publications and work
Capriciousness
Low technical skills