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During my time at Iowa State University, I took several general education courses to satisfy the computer engineering degree requirement and also to learn something new.

Because of my interest in history, I decided to take HIST 360 which covers the history of the United States between 1900 and 1945. In this class, I learned about the introduction of new technology such as electricity, radio, movies, telegraph, cars, and airplanes to 1900s society. The class discussed these important inventions but what I found more important is the discussion on how these new improvements impacted and changed the society once exposed to them. The class also discussed the economic crisis during the Great Depression. One of the current issues is the unemployment rate in America and learning about how the U.S. government approached this issue during the Great Depression might offer a solution and might show us what currently proposed solutions might not work.

Living in Iowa and not knowing much about agriculture, I wanted to learn more about this field. I decided to take course HIST 365 which talks about American Agriculture from the begging until the Civil War. I believe that agriculture was one of the most important discoveries of mankind and that the advancement in this field gave rise to economies, politics, and engineering. In this class, we mostly covered technological advancements and showed how regular farmers and smiths turned a problem into a solution and became well-known inventors.

Another class I took was POL S 215, Introduction to American Government. I decided to take this course because I come from a different country and with a career goal of working for a U.S. company in the future, I wanted to know more about how the U.S. government works because I am living in this country and also one day, I might become a citizen. One of the other reasons why I took this class was to understand basics of what is constitutional and what is legal. I might apply this knowledge in the future to make sure what I create is within legal and ethical boundaries. Knowledge from this class became useful when I observe another of today's issues regarding gun control and the Muslim travel ban.

Lastly, I decided to take SP CM 212, Fundamentals of Public Speaking. I cannot stress enough how important communication is in the field of Engineering. This class gave me many opportunities to speak in front of a crowd to get rid of the stress and improve my overall public speaking skills.

My passion for history is very obvious. I believe that history can teach us lessons from the past and the historical achievements can inspire us. I anticipate that the choices of general education electives will aid me in making ethical and legal engineering decisions in the future as well as encourage me to always improve as an engineer in the future.