

# EXTRA CREDIT

## A SUMMER & WINTER SESSIONS PODCAST

### Episode 7 Transcript

#### **00:00:02 Introduction**

Welcome to Extra Credit, hosted by the Rutgers University Office of Summer and Winter Sessions. Listen to hear from students as they share their experiences at Rutgers and some tips on how to navigate a condensed semester. Also gain the perspective of professors and learn more about the courses they teach.

#### **00:00:18 Rosie**

Hi Evan, thanks for joining us today. If you don't mind introducing yourself to our listeners and letting them know your major and your year?

#### **00:00:26 Evan Maggio**

Hi, I'm Evan. I'm a senior in computer science here at Rutgers University.

#### **00:00:33 Rosie**

So, what got you interested in computer science? What made you pick your major?

#### **00:00:38 Evan Maggio**

I just really like computers. I grew up on video games a lot, so I kind of wanted to do something related to that.

#### **00:00:45 Evan Maggio**

And I learned coding in high school and it was kind of like a match made in heaven.

#### **00:00:53 Rosie**

Very nice, do you have a future goal in mind or future job that you would like to pursue with this degree?

#### **00:01:01 Evan Maggio**

It's a little laughable, but I was hoping to be a video game developer one day.

#### **00:01:10 Rosie**

That's not laughable, Evan. That's cool. Follow your dreams.

**00:01:12 Evan Maggio**

Ah, thank you. Thank you, Rosie.

**00:01:16 Rosie**

And I'm sorry, did you say you took a summer course or you didn't?

**00:01:19 Evan Maggio**

Uh, I took three.

**00:01:21 Rosie**

All right, is there one in particular that you'd like to talk about?

**00:01:25 Evan Maggio**

I guess Intro to Entrepreneurship would have been the most interesting one I took. Basically, we would discuss different topics related to entrepreneurship.

**00:01:34 Evan Maggio**

I think we had a project where we had to make our own company or something along those lines.

**00:01:41 Rosie**

Yeah, I actually took Intro to Entrepreneurship too for my undergrad. Do you know what your project was?

**00:01:47 Evan Maggio**

Uh, we did- We made this app. We didn't actually make it, but it was kind of a cool idea. It was almost like- what do you call it? It's like Friend Finder or something like that.

**00:01:58 Rosie**

Oh, that's cool.

**00:02:00 Evan Maggio**

But the idea was like you could find someone and like see if they're reliable and you can like judge people based off their reliability. So, if you have like a business venture that you want to do, you can find people off that app, or you can find someone to just go to the gym with you, just to hang out with you.

**00:02:17 Rosie**

Did you have a favorite part of the class?

**00:02:19 Evan Maggio**

I actually at that point just switched into an entrepreneurship minor, so that was like my first taste of it, really.

**00:02:27 Evan Maggio**

And it was just interested in getting to learn different aspects of entrepreneurship because it's something I've been interested in for a while.

**00:02:35 Rosie**

That's good. Evan is also a student worker in our office, so if Evan you want to just share a little bit about what you've done for your job.

**00:02:43 Evan Maggio**

I mostly answer phones, at least last year I did. I can't really do that now.

**00:02:49 Evan Maggio**

Right now, I mostly just do emails. Right now, I'm working for OLLI-RU, which is basically a group that teaches skills to older people. I think it's 60 and older, but I'm not quite sure the age range.

**00:03:05 Evan Maggio**

And basically, what I do is I just moderate the classes, make sure people aren't talking when they aren't supposed to.

**00:03:13 Evan Maggio**

And that that was actually, that's actually a pretty good job, because it helped me learn a lot about Zoom when I was just getting into it.

**00:03:24 Evan Maggio**

So even in my regular classes, like sometimes like the professors won't know what they're doing and I'll send them a little message. I'll be like, "oh, this is what you gotta do."

**00:03:33 Rosie**

This is probably pre-COVID, but I know you used to work some of the activities for summer session. Were there any activities that you participated in that you really liked?

**00:03:43 Evan Maggio**

Well, there was a couple. I remember we went to a Red Bulls game at one point.

**00:03:48 Evan Maggio**

I don't usually watch soccer, so I was actually- that's actually where I learn to love soccer.

**00:03:55 Evan Maggio**

Other than that, we did a lot of like activities on campus like we have a picnic for basically the beginning of every summer session.

**00:04:04 Rosie**

Yeah, a little fun stuff. Try to keep it interesting. Do you have any other like extracurricular activities that you do at Rutgers, clubs or- I know you're in a fraternity, right?

**00:04:12 Evan Maggio**

Yeah, right now I'm doing a social media and I'm also the treasurer for my fraternity, but I'm also in Italian club. I'm just-

**00:04:21 Rosie**

Oh, very cool.

**00:04:23 Evan Maggio**

Yeah, I mostly joined last year because I was actually about to study abroad in Italy. Well, I was in Italy for those three months up until COVID happened, yeah.

**00:04:35 Rosie**

Oh, it got cut short, right?

**00:04:37 Evan Maggio**

Yeah.

**00:04:37 Rosie**

So, Evan, how was the transition from going to school here in the US, in America, and then heading over to Rome?

**00:04:46 Evan Maggio**

It was definitely different. I'd say it didn't really feel like school, if that makes any sense. It kind of just like even when I was in class, it was kind of like just something I have to do, like in the middle of everything, which was a nice little break compared to like going here, like rushing to the bus.

**00:05:06 Rosie**

How was your housing situation like? Did you have to find a place to live once you got there, or did you figure that out ahead of time?

**00:05:14 Evan Maggio**

So, they provide housing by the school. I ended up getting the one that was like kind of close to campus. That was like pretty decent.

**00:05:23 Rosie**

Yeah, that's good to be close to campus for sure.

**00:05:26 Rosie**

Uhm, did you know anyone else in the program going over there or?

**00:05:31 Evan Maggio**

No, that was probably the biggest struggle. I know like a lot of people went to Rome and like they had friends there or whatever, or like did study abroad and like they knew people in the program. I was the only-

**00:05:47 Evan Maggio**

There actually wasn't even a lot of Rutgers people there, but towards the end, of course, like this happened like 2 weeks before COVID... towards the end that they'd end up finding my friend group. I have a few friends who live in Chicago, I think, who I still talk to.

**00:06:06 Rosie**

What did you like most? I know your classes probably didn't get to fully experience that, but how are your classes different there than they are here in America?

**00:06:15 Evan Maggio**

I had a lot of walking classes. It was like a school specifically for study abroad, so they know like there's a lot of students who really just want to experience the city or experience the country.

**00:06:27 Evan Maggio**

So, I had one that was archaeology. We just looked at different archaeological sites around the city and then one that was art history, I think.

**00:06:37 Rosie**

I was just going to ask you when you came home, you finished your courses for your Italian school virtually, right?

**00:06:45 Evan Maggio**

Yeah, it was asynchronous and it was kinda- It was like kind of weird. Like kind of hard to like, keep up on.

**00:06:52 Rosie**

Yeah, and it probably helped ease into your transition for the fall as well, being online.

**00:06:58 Evan Maggio**

I was going to say it's definitely easier being synchronous now than it was being asynchronous back then.

**00:07:03 Rosie**

So, being synchronous now, do you like it better because you get to kind of interact with other students and your professor a little bit more?

**00:07:10 Evan Maggio**

Oh yeah, definitely. And then we have like group chats and stuff like that.

**00:07:15 Rosie**

As one kind of wrap up, can you think of 1 experience or your biggest takeaway from going to Rutgers?

**00:07:24 Evan Maggio**

I guess I definitely have improved socially since college... found like a lot of my friend group, found out more about myself.

**00:07:36 Rosie**

I feel like college is good for that. Rutgers is very big but once you find your people...

**00:07:40 Evan Maggio**

It gets a lot smaller.

**00:07:41 Outro**

Thanks for listening and we'll catch you next time on Extra Credit.