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### HHP 340: It's Not What It Seems

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Swarming the Canvas assignment due to my current occupation as an essential healthcare worker with University of Colorado Health. For this, I was disappointed. The Swarming the Canvas assignment was just another example of the creatively-unorthodox methods that are used in this particular class. I think many of my fellow students would agree with me when I say that my perception of this class has done a complete 180 since the first day I opened the blackboard link.

When I first started delving into HHP 340: Test and Measurements, I expected a general class where you learn about various tests, apply some math, and wala, you're good to go. However, that was quick to change. My perception then went to, "What are these Plectica maps, and what did I get myself into"? Little did I know, the Plectica maps were a tool that manifested thought processes and creativity. They were a relief from the typical class structure I referred to earlier. They allowed us to explore a specific subject, whether it was tests and measurements or biomimicry, and take it somewhere we didn't know it could go.

I am extremely satisfied that I took this class. This class has not only allowed me to learn the various applications of tests and measurements, but it has also provided me with new tools and ways of thinking that I can use and share with others. This class was somewhat of an

emotional rollercoaster that turned in to the best ride at the amusement park. I am extremely grateful I was able to participate in it, and I look forward to seeing where Jamie takes it in the future.