

**Homestead Campus  
Social Science Department  
SLS 1125  
Student Support Seminar  
Spring 2008**

**Class Day/Time:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00-9:50  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This three-credit course is intended for students that have been placed on Academic Warning. It is designed to help students be more successful academically by focusing on performance in a learning environment. This will include social, cultural, psychological and academic aspects of the individual and the role they play in the learning environment.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The purpose of this course is to provide students with the self-awareness, learning strategies, academic skills and individual direction to succeed within the higher education environment, as well as in the world of work. This class is structured to offer students practical, proactive approaches to manage the academic expectations and personal adjustments of college, student services, self-discovery and career exploration. It also exposes students to methods and techniques for mastering various learning skills. Students are expected to be active partners in the learning environment of the class. The format of this course includes active participation through various assessment tools, interaction with your instructor and peer group discussions.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

- Textbook:  
Feldman, Robert S., P.O.W.E.R. Learning, Boston, MA: McGraw Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2007.
- Notebook paper
- Pen/pencil

**ATTENDANCE:** Regular attendance and punctuality are expected in this course just as they are in the world of work. You are paying for this course so please get your money's worth! Three absences will drop your final grade by one letter grade. More than three absences will result in a failing grade.

**TARDINESS POLICY:** Three tardies constitute one absence. You are tardy if you arrive 10+ minutes late for class.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** You will have 4 required tests. Each test will count as 20% of your final grade. Class participation will count as 10% of your final grade and attendance will count as 10% of your grade. Make-up tests will only be given in the cases of excused absences. Your excuse needs to be submitted to me upon returning to class.

**GRADING SCALE:**

100-90%=A  
89-80%=B  
79-70%=C  
69-60%=D  
59-0%=F

**CONDUCT:** Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students involved in any form of academic dishonest (cheating, plagiarism) will face disciplinary sanctions according to the Student's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, which can be obtained from the Student Life Department. Disrespect of the instructor, fellow classmates and property will not be tolerated. All disruptive/destructive behavior will be reported.

**COURSE CONTENT AND READING ASSIGNMENTS**

**Week 1** Class introduction, course requirements, attendance and academic honesty.

**Week 2 Ch. 2- Making the Most of Your Time**

1/14 Pgs. 29-39  
1/16 Pgs. 40-50  
1/18 Pgs. 51-58

**Week 2 Ch. 1- P.O.W.E.R. Learning: Becoming an Expert Student**

1/21 No class- M.L.K. Holiday  
1/23 Pgs. 2-15  
1/25 Pgs. 16-25

**Week 3 Ch. 3- Recognizing How You Learn, Who Your Are and What You Value**

1/28 Pgs. 59-69  
1/30 Pgs. 70-79  
2/1 Pgs. 80-90

**Week 4 Ch. 4- Taking Notes**

**2/4 TEST 1 (CHAPS. 1-3)**  
2/6 Pgs. 92-106  
2/8 Pgs. 107-119

**Week 5 Ch. 5- Taking Tests**

2/11 Pgs. 121-128  
2/13 Pgs. 129-136  
2/15 Pgs. 137-148

**Week 6 Ch.6- Building Your Reading Skills**

2/18 Pgs. 150-157  
2/20 Pgs. 158-163  
2/22 Pgs. 164-173

**Week 7 Ch. 7- Writing & Speaking**

2/25 Pgs. 176-186  
2/27 Pgs. 187-197  
2/29 Pgs. 198-207

**Week 8 Ch. 8- Memory**

**3/3 TEST 2 (CHAPS 4-7)**

3/5 Pgs. 209-220

3/7 Pgs. 221-231

**Week 9 Ch. 9- Choosing Your Courses & Major**

3/10 Pgs. 233-242

3/12 Pgs. 243-251

3/14 Pgs. 252-261

**Week 10 Ch. 10- Technology and Information Competency**

3/17 Pgs. 264-277

3/19 Pgs. 278-297

3/21 No Class- Good Friday

**Week 11 Ch. 11- Making Good Decisions**

3/24 Pgs. 299-307

3/26 Pgs. 308-316

3/28 Pgs. 317-323

**Week 12 Ch. 12- Diversity & Your Relationships with Others**

**3/31 TEST 3 (CHAPS. 8-10)**

4/2 Pgs. 325-338

4/4 Pgs. 339-351

**Week 13 Ch. 13- Money Matters**

4/7 Pgs. 353-362

4/9 Pgs. 363-372

4/11 Pgs. 373-381

**Week 14 Ch. 14- Stress, Health & Wellness**

4/14 Pgs. 383-393

4/16 Pgs. 394-404

4/18 Pgs. 405-414

**Week 15 Course Wrap-Up**

4/21 SLS Lab- Computer Courtyard

4/23 SLS Lab- Computer Courtyard

4/25 SLS Lab- Computer Courtyard

**Week 16 Final Exam Week**

**4/28 TEST 4 (CHAPS. 11-14) 9:00-10:30 A.M.**

**Make-up for any missed exams**