

Preparing for Student Success

SLS 1510

Spring 2008

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Class Day: M/W/F
Class Time: 8:00 – 8:50 a.m.
Room #: G 104

Textbook: Ellis, D., 2006, Becoming a Master Student, Eleventh Edition. Houghton Mifflin Company.

Course Description: This is a three credit course intended to offer students the opportunity to become more successful in their college experience. It will offer students the chance for self-discovery leading towards a successful career path. It also exposes students to methods and techniques to help students develop the skills needed to become the best then can be in various areas in life.

Course Objectives:

Students should be able to:

- Identify values and interest
- Explore their goals and relationships
- Assess current strengths and areas for growth
- Identify and understand the various departments, resources and services available to them
- Identify and understand academic regulations
- Develop a plan to help them achieve graduation
- Explore and discover strategies to maintain mental, physical and emotional wellness
- Understand cultural diversity and it's impact
- Develop strategies for critical thinking, test taking and memory that will help them be successful in college
- Research and asses different career choices

Chapter Order:

As determined by the needs and interest of the class the following is the order of the chapters as they are to be covered:

- Introduction
- Chapter 1 Firsts Steps
- Chapter 5 Notes
- Chapter 8 Communicating
- Chapter 11 Health
- Chapter 6 Tests
- Chapter 9 Diversity
- Chapter 10 Technology
- Chapter 2 Planning

Chapter 4 Reading
Chapter 7 Thinking
Chapter 3 Memory
Chapter 12 What's Next

Attendance:

Regular attendance and punctuality is expected in the course. Acquiring notes from missed classes is the responsibility of the student. More than 2 unexcused absences may affect final grade. Student is responsible for informing Instructor of a possible missed class and obtaining missed information.

Extra Credit:

Opportunities for Extra Credit are available. Any student who wishes to do extra credit should contact the professor for more information.

Quizzes:

After every 2 chapters covered in class a quiz will be administered. Review will be given.

Mid-Term/Final Exam:

The Midterm exam will be administered March 5, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. Review will be given.

The Final Exam will be administered on April 30, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. Review will be given.

Written assignments:

Students will have various written assignments throughout the course. Some will be done in class and some will be done outside and turned in. Details on assignments will be provided throughout the course.

Final Grade:

Attendance/Participation: 10 %
Written Assignments: 20%
Quizzes: 30%
Mid-Term Exam: 20 %
Final Exam: 20%

