



### **Course Description**

#### **SLS1106 | First Year Experience Seminar | 1.00 credit**

This course is designed to provide students a forum for transitioning into college. Students will learn to develop the skills required for success in college and beyond. This course is intended for first time in college students, who are seeking an Associate in Arts degree program.

### **Course Competencies**

**Competency 1:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of college matriculation processes and procedures by:

1. Demonstrating knowledge of registration procedures, degree requirements, advisement services, financial aid, and the Standards of Academic Progress
2. Identifying resources available at the College for successful academic progress, including identifying and explaining the importance of the 10 MDC Learning Outcomes
3. Interpreting attendance, grading policies, and student rights and responsibilities
4. Describing and applying the registration procedures, including degree audit, adding and dropping courses, official withdrawal policies, transcripts

**Competency 2:** The student will demonstrate the utilization of practical study skills by:

1. Assessing their personal learning style and study skills
2. Applying practical study skills
3. Developing strategies for critical thinking, memory enhancement, and test-taking
4. Identifying functional time management systems
5. Applying knowledge of efficient note-taking skills, including active listening, organizing, and recording

**Competency 3:** The student will increase self-awareness and improve career decision-making by:

1. Identifying their characteristics, including interests and abilities
2. Evaluating and comparing various career options and their requirements
3. Constructing a career plan that matches personal characteristics to career requirements

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information