

Study Skills

Course Description

The central purpose of this class is to improve students' ability to complete assignments, stay organized, improve test-taking skills, and succeed in the general education curriculum. The course objectives are as follows:

Student Course Objectives

1. Improve Organizational Skills

You must be able to...

- manage time
- write down assignments
- explain your learning style
- avoid procrastination

2. Test Taking Skills

You must be able to...

- describe how to take multiple choice tests
- true/false tests
- completion tests
- matching tests
- essay tests

3. Interpreting Graphic Aids

You must be able to...

- identify different types of graphs
- evaluate charts and tables
- compare/contrast different types of maps
- analyze diagrams

4. Understand Note Taking Methods

You must be able to...

- take notes from textbooks
- create outlines
- create graphic organizers
- create webs

5. Improve Reading Skills

You must be able to...

- summarize the story
- predict outcomes of the story
- identify themes and main ideas
- make inferences from reading
- compare/contrast characters
- describe plot

6. Formulate and Write a Five Paragraph Essay

You must be able to...

- create a pre-writing outline or web
- compare/contrast thesis statement and topic sentences

- create an introduction with thesis statement
- three main body paragraphs with topic sentences
- one concluding paragraph that summarizes main ideas
- evaluate the essay for grammar, spelling, and mechanics

7. Improve MAP Skills

You must be able to...

- understand higher order thinking words (describe, compare, explain, infer, analyze, etc)
- write complete sentences and paragraphs
- read for comprehension and understanding
- restate the question in the answer
- provide examples from the reading in the answer
- compare and contrast acceptable answer from unacceptable answers

Unit Focus Areas

Organizational Skills

Test Taking Skills

Interpreting Graphic Aids

Note Taking

Reading Skills

Writing Skills

MAP Skills