COL101

INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

1 Credit Hour

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COL101: Introduction To College: Strategies for Success

I. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

Prerequisite: none
1 semester hour credit

Introduction to College: Strategies for Success introduces students to college life. The course emphasizes orientation to the community college, behavioral expectations of college students, required skills for academic success, Jefferson College resources, and essential college/workplace issues such as time management, decision making, and goal setting.

II. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES/CORRESPONDING ASSESSMENT MEASURES

| Describe the purpose and value of a college education | Discussion | Letter to Prospective Student |
| Demonstrate behaviors and attitudes expected of college students by college instructors | Planner assignment | Class participation | Future Focus Plan | In-class activities |
| Apply required skills for academic success such as note-taking, time management, research, test-taking strategies, and technological literacy likely to improve personal success in college | Library assignment | Library quiz | Future Focus Plan | In-class activities |
| Select Jefferson College resources likely to improve personal success in college | Letter to Prospective Student | Event reflection |
| Explain parallel college and workplace issues | Letter to Prospective Student | Class discussion | In-class activities |

III. OUTLINE OF TOPICS

A. College Support Network & Jefferson College Resources
   1. Current Students tab on Jefferson College website
   2. Student tab in STARS
   3. Student Handbook
   4. General Catalog

B. Technology Skills Needed for College Success
   1. Basic word processing
   2. STARS communication
   3. Blackboard course pages
4. Library databases

C. How College Works
   1. Degree Plans
   2. Syllabi
   3. Advising
   4. Behavior and attitudes

D. Time and Energy Management
   1. Study time expectations
   2. Term on a page
   3. Procrastination

E. Academic Honesty and Plagiarism
   1. Types of cheating
   2. Plagiarism
   3. Consequences of academic dishonesty
   4. Avoiding problems

F. Goal Setting
   1. Choosing a college major and career
   2. Intrinsic motivation
   3. Short term and long term goals

G. Strategies for Learning
   1. Content translation to your learning preferences
   2. Study techniques

H. Note Taking
   1. Engagement
   2. Types of listening
   3. Cornell method

I. Studying
   1. Metacognition
   2. Intentional learning
   3. Margin notes

J. Test Taking
   1. Objective tests
   2. Subjective tests
   3. Test anxiety

K. Diversity
   1. Emotional intelligence
   2. Cultural intelligence
   3. Managing conflict
L. Critical Thinking
   1. Academic argument
   2. Four part model

IV. METHOD(S) OF INSTRUCTION

A. Library Use Instruction session
B. Lecture
C. Discussion
D. Collaborative learning techniques
E. Student Presentations
F. Self-assessment instruments

V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK (with publication information)


VI. REQUIRED MATERIALS (student)

Textbook
Jefferson College Catalog
Student Handbook

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES

Library Resources: present offerings

VIII. METHOD OF EVALUATION (student outcomes assessment)

A. Participation
B. Reflections
C. Quizzes
D. Letter to Prospective Student
E. Future Focus Plan
F. Planner Assignment
IX. ADA AA STATEMENT

Any student requiring special accommodations should inform the instructor and the Coordinator of Disability Support Services (Library; phone 636-481-3169). Following registration and within the first two weeks of class, please contact me to discuss appropriate academic accommodations. Appropriate arrangements will be made to insure equal access to the course.

X. ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

All students are responsible for complying with campus policies as stated in the Student Handbook (see College website, http://www.jeffco.edu/jeffco/index.php?option=com_weblinks&catid=26&Itemid=84)