

# Student Achievement and Fundamentals of Learning

Room 6-136  
STDY 100

11:30 a.m.-12:55 p.m.  
Tuesday/Thursday

Fall 2008/Section #116113

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## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Instructor:

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### Course Description:

This course is designed to increase student success in their personal, professional, and academic lives. It is focused on providing a systematic approach to advanced self-awareness and learning strategies necessary for success in higher education as well as all other areas of a person's life. The course also teaching critical thinking skills necessary for successful transfer/transition to four-year institutions or careers.

### Course Goals:

Using a brain-based research perspective, you will learn to:

- Apply practices to develop awareness of your own mental and emotional strengths and weaknesses;
- Develop effective personalized learning strategies;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of your research/critical thinking strategies;
- Evaluate your personalized system of learning strategies and modify as needed for enhanced success.

### Teaching Methods:

This class will be taught using the Teachable Moment Learning Model. This means that I, as the instructor, acknowledge you as active participants in your own learning. I am committed to helping you be successful; however, I also recognize that you have a significant role to play in your own success! What this means for you is that your participation, interaction, and discussion will be not only encouraged but also expected as a member of this class.

### Attendance:

Class attendance is expected and required. Granted, I understand that you may occasionally miss a class. Please note that absences in excess of three class sessions will result in a significantly lower or even a failing grade in the course.

### Important Dates:

Sept 1	Labor Day Holiday
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov 27-30	Thanksgiving Recess
Nov 19	Registration for 2009 Winter & Spring Classes begins
Dec 9	10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Final for this Class ☺

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*"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." ~ A. Einstein*

**Required Text:** Text Readings (These will be provided in class)

**Required Materials:** 3-Ring binder with five or more tab dividers  
Colored Pencils/Pens  
Thumb Drive

**Grading:** The following represents the grading components of this course:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Percentage Of Course Grade</i>
Homework	40%
Team Projects	25%
Research Paper	25%
Final Presentation	<u>10%</u>
	<b>100%</b>

You will be graded on a straight-scale basis, meaning:

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

NOTE: Below 70 equals no credit for students who have chosen a Credit/No Credit grading option.

**Make-ups/Late Work:** You can do one make-up homework assignment no questions asked. Beyond that, there are no make-ups *unless approved by the instructor*. Because one of the goals of this class is for you to learn time management, allowing work to be turned in late just doesn't make sense. Of course, if you have a special situation (for example, you were ill or there was an emergency in your family), please talk with me about your individual situation.

**Cheating (Plagiarism):** Cheating (plagiarism) is deliberately presenting another person's material as your own. If a student is caught cheating, they will receive a failing grade for the work they have plagiarized, and they may receive a failing grade for the course. (Please note that these standards are described more fully in your Mt. SAC catalog and they apply to all of your classes.)

**In My Absence:** In the case of my absence, you are expected to FIRST wait for 15 minutes. Please do not put your own sign on the door. If I am not here 15 minutes after the class start time and no one has come to give you direction, you should go to the front of the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) and ask for further instruction at the front desk. (NOTE: This procedure is expected for all classes located in this building unless instructed otherwise.)

**Hallway Obstruction:** Due to the limited hallway space in this building, we ask that you please pay attention to the signs and stand on the inner side of the hallways so that those with rolling carts, in wheelchairs, and those with other disabilities can move through safely without fear of being hurt or harming others.

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*"Life is 90% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." ~ C. Swindoll*