

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: FS110 Freshman Seminar

Credits: 3

Prerequisites

None

Description

Freshman Seminar prepares students to utilize academic survival skills, discover and affirm individual values and career goals and assists students in becoming organized, self-aware, motivated and success oriented. This seminar provides a uniquely personal and interactive component wherein students become involved in participatory structured activities as a hands-on approach and application of the principles set forth in lectures, presentations and reading materials.

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify campus resources and demonstrate how to use them.
- Utilize strategies such as time management and goal setting, reading comprehension and note taking, and studying and test taking.
- Develop a student success plan and explore career options.
- Demonstrate effective communication skills (written, verbal, electronic.)
- Use appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals.
- Describe concepts of diversity and recognize diverse perspectives.
- Develop financial literacy skills by making sound decisions about spending, credit and investments
- Access, critically evaluate and use appropriate information.

Topical Outline

- Getting oriented and involved at CCC
- Using your learning styles
- Thinking clearly and communicating your ideas
- Using technology to succeed
- Choosing greater health
- Creating positive relationships
- Taking charge of your time and money
- Achieving your purpose for reading
- Participating in class and taking notes
- Maximizing your memory & mastering tests
- Creating your education success plan
- Planning your career

Required Texts and Other Materials

Ellis, D. (2013). *The Essential Guide to Becoming a Master Student* (4th ed.). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning. ISBN-13: 978-1-305-10961-2

Student Assessment

Grade Distribution	Percentage
Attendance and class participation	20%
Assignments	20%
Discussion board	10%
Quizzes/tests	10%
Education Success Planning/Career paper	20%
Group project	20%

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation. Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense. As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Available Resources

If you are having difficulty with work in this class, tutoring is available through the Success Center. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600, x1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

(List availability of open labs and/or writing center)

Before Withdrawing From This Course

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) BEFORE withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.