

COURSE OUTLINE

FYEX-100

Strategies for Success

2 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Strategies for Success is a two-credit course designed to guide first-year students towards interdisciplinary academic mastery. Building on skills introduced at the secondary level, students will experiment with and apply college-level academic and life skill strategies through experiential and collaborative learning and will select and integrate those strategies best suited for their own individual success. (2 hours)

Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Discover HCC resources and initiate and sustain relevant campus connections.
2. Identify his/her individual learning style and analyze its impact on academic success.
3. Analyze his/her values and set short, mid- and long-term goals related to them.
4. Plan a weekly time schedule and a semester budget.
5. Create an academic plan.
6. Apply memory improvement techniques to college-level course material.
7. Apply effective reading techniques to improve comprehension of college-level textbook material.
8. Take useful, accurate class notes.
9. Select and apply appropriate test-taking strategies.
10. Apply creative and critical thinking techniques in problem solving and decision making.
11. Apply academic integrity and civility to express ideas effectively both orally and in writing
12. Demonstrate enhanced global awareness and appreciation for diversity
13. Use college resources and technology effectively for academic success.

14. Demonstrate an enhanced awareness of the connection between physical and emotional wellness and academic success.
15. Assess his/her interests and values towards exploration of related career options.

Major Topics

1. College resources
2. Learning styles and values assessment
3. Goal-setting, career and academic planning
4. Time management
5. Financial planning
6. Memory enhancement techniques
7. Reading comprehension strategies
8. Note- and test-taking strategies
9. Creative and critical thinking
10. Academic integrity and civility
11. Global awareness, communication, and diversity
12. Wellness

Course Requirements

Grading: Student learning is regularly assessed through a series of written assignments, in-class activities, and presentations as assigned by the individual instructor.

Other Course Information

This course is an Interdisciplinary/Emerging Issues core, and an Arts and Sciences elective.