



Title: Monster FIG

Credit Hours: 1

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Catalog: FIGS- 100-03

Total Contact Hours: 15

Monday- Thursday 9- 12:35

Course Description Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) are theme based one-credit courses that combine college success skills, goal exploration and setting, and financial literacy with the investigation of a topic. This FIG will focus on the skills related to being a successful college student. Students will explore study strategies, learning styles and personality types, and begin to explore majors and careers possibilities. The **Monster FIG** offers 3 quick lessons in New Media with a concentration on pop monsters. Day 1: Photoshop, Day 2: Illustrator, Day 3: InDesign, Day 4: html.

Course Objectives

- Describe and apply effective study skills, test taking, and time management strategies
- Explore career and academic opportunities using a variety of tools
- Develop and articulate achievable academic goals
- Demonstrate proper note taking techniques using the Cornell method

- Apply the concept of SQ3R to reading

- Articulate an understanding that personality type and values influence career choice and satisfaction

- Successfully navigate the various financial, academic, and career resources in My Maine Guide
- Create a cover letter, resume and demonstrate knowledge of interviewing strategies
- Explore and define self- advocacy and resilience skills and strategies
- Explore advising opportunities offered by the Navigating Success Program
- Be introduced to the world Peer Mentoring/Leadership
- Explore and be introduced to the world of Guided Journaling
- Explore and define self- advocacy and resilience skills and strategies
- Explore advising opportunities offered by the P2G Success Program
- Explore and be introduced to the world of Guided Journaling

Topical Outline of Instruction: *see attached*

Student Evaluation and Grading

T3 100 points

N1 100 points

N3 100 points

F1 10 points

F2 100 points

F3 100 points

(G1, G2) G3 100 points

(G1, G2) G3 100 points

(P1) P2 100 points

M1 100 points

Attendance: 4 days, 25 points per day

Coming late, leaving early = -10 each time

Grades

950 – 1000 = A

850 – 949 = B

750 – 849 = C

650 – 749 = D

0 – 649 = F

Grades and Grading: See SMCC Compass

Course Requirements: *Come every day with a good attitude*

Student Expectations: *Complete the work as outlines*

End of Course Evaluation Students complete evaluations for each course attended at SMCC. Evaluations are submitted online and can be accessed through the student portal site. Students can access the course evaluation report beginning one week before the end of classes. The deadline for submission of evaluations occurs Monday at 5 PM following the last day of the class. You will receive an email to your student email account when course evaluations are available.

American Disability Act Southern Maine Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, please call 207-741-5798. If

you have a disabling condition and wish to request accommodations in order to have reasonable access to the programs and services offered by SMCC, you must register with the Disability Services Coordinator, Sandra Lynham, who can be reached at 741-5923. Further information about services for students with disabilities and the accommodation process is available upon request at this number. Course policies about online testing are modified to suit each individual's accommodations.

SMCC Pay-for-Print Policy

Per Page Costs Each semester students receive a \$20 printing credit. The balance resets at the end of the semester and any remaining credits are removed. The cost varies depending upon page size and whether printing is done in black and white or color.

- a. There is a \$0.10 per page fee for standard 8.5" by 11" black and white documents.
- b. The reverse sides of duplex (double-sided) documents are free.
- c. There is a \$.50 per page fee for standard 8.5" by 11" color documents.
- d. There is a \$.20 per page fee for 8.5" by 14" (legal) or 11" by 17" (tabloid) black and white documents.
- e. There is a \$1.00 per page fee for 8.5" by 14" (legal) or 11" by 17" (tabloid) color documents.

Duplex charges (printing on both sides of a page) work in the following fashion: One page is \$0.10, two pages are \$0.10, three pages are \$0.20, and four pages are \$0.20, etc. The flipsides are free, but another sheet of paper is \$0.10. Please be aware that a document with any color at all (when printed to a color printer) will by default be printed in color. You are responsible for setting the print job to print black and white if you do not need color. For directions, please go to the IT Help tab in My SMCC.

How does it work? The College's pay-for-print system monitors printing on all printers (including those in general access labs, library printers, the Academic Achievement Center, Noisy Lounge and technology labs). Students can check the number of pages they have printed by using the Printing Balance tool available on SMCC computers (located in the lower right corner of the screen, near the clock).

- Departments with work study students who need to print documents for the department should contact the Help Desk at 741-5696 to have a special account set up.

Refunds Print jobs are eligible for a refund in the event of mechanical or electronic error on the part of the printer, print server, or software used to submit the job. Jobs are not eligible for a refund in cases where the job was not set up correctly, was submitted multiple times, or the student is not satisfied with the result. To request a refund, please bring the offending print to the IT Department in the basement of the Ross Technology Center. Refunds will be granted in the form of a credit to the student's account.

Why is SMCC charging for printing? The pay-for-print system is an effort to control escalating printing costs. Charging for printing helps offset the increasing cost of supplies and encourages students to conserve resources. To find ways to reduce your printing charges, please go to the IT Help tab on My SMCC. If you have questions about the pay-for-printing policy or your printing charges, please contact the Help Desk at 741-5696 or send an email to helpdesk@smccme.edu.

Be sure to log OUT of the system when you've finished your printing, to prevent unauthorized access to your account.

Add-Drop Policy Students who drop a course during the one-week "add/drop" period in the fall and spring semesters and the first three days of summer sessions receive a 100% refund of the tuition and associated fees for that course. Please note any course that meets for less than the traditional semester length, i.e., 15 weeks, has a pro-rated add/drop period. There is no refund for non-attendance.

Withdrawal Policy A student may withdraw from a course only during the semester in which s/he is registered for that course. The withdrawal period is the second through twelfth week of the fall and spring semesters and the second through ninth week of twelve-week summer courses. This period is pro-rated for shorter-length courses. To withdraw from a course, a student must complete and submit the appropriate course withdrawal form, available at the Enrollment Service Center (no phone calls, please). The designation "W" will appear on the transcript after a student has officially withdrawn. A course withdrawal is an uncompleted course and may adversely

affect financial aid eligibility. Failure to attend or ceasing to attend class does not constitute withdrawal from the course. There is no refund associated with a withdrawal.

Plagiarism Statement If an instructor suspects that a student has knowingly committed a violation defined in the Maine Community College System Policy on Student Grade Appeals and Academic Misconduct, the instructor has the authority to review the alleged misconduct and determine the grade a student should receive for the assignment and the course. The instructor may assign a failure grade for the assignment and the course and may require the student to complete additional work for the course. The instructor may consult with the department chair and/or the College's chief academic officer prior to making such decisions. If a student seeks to challenge an instructor's determination, the student should submit a grade appeal. Grade appeal forms are available in the Advising Office on the south Portland Campus. An instructor may also refer the matter to the College's disciplinary officer for review under the procedures of the MCCS Student Code of Conduct.

