



Student Success Course Syllabus

Title: Student Success Course

Catalog Number: FIGS 100 06

Credit Hours: 1

Total Contact Hours: 15

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Course Description

This one-credit course is designed to enhance students' personal growth and academic achievement at Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) and beyond. Topics covered will include college success skills, goal exploration and setting, and research of a career. Students in the course explore who they are as individuals and as future professionals. The course aims to help students to make connections within the college community and learn about all the resources available at the college to support their success.

Course Objectives

After successfully completing the course, the student will be able to:

1. Apply effective time-management strategies
2. Create an academic plan; develop and articulate achievable academic goals
3. Explore career opportunities using appropriate tools and begin creating a resume
4. Demonstrate understanding of online resources available through MyMaineGuide
5. Articulate a plan for self-care, including such practices as mindfulness, grit and resilience
6. Explore learning styles
7. Demonstrate practical knowledge of money management and the use of the system's financial-literacy tools

Topical Outline of Instruction *(directly connected to course objectives)*

1. My Maine Guide
2. Brightspace Skills
3. Self-care
4. Learning styles
5. Academic success strategies
6. Time management
7. Academic plan
8. Goal-setting
9. Career exploration/resume
10. Financial literacy/IGrad

Student Evaluation and Grading

- 25% Participation – **the success of this class depends on student’s consistent participation in class discussion, completion of weekly tasks, and communication with the instructor when questions or concerns arise.**
- 25% Weekly Assignments – **all assignments are to be completed by the listed due date. Submitted late work will be reduced by a full letter grade for each week it is late.**
- 25% Discussion Posts – **each week initial discussion posts will be due by the end of day Thursday and (2) response posts will be due by the end of day Sunday. Initial posts should be at least 200 words in length and response posts should be at least 100 words.**
- 25% End of Semester Project – **details regarding the end of semester project will be posted in Brightspace by week 2 of the course.**

Text, Tools and / or Supplies

Students will need access to a computer.

Attendance Policy

Lack or participation in the course for longer than 2 weeks could constitute failing of the course.

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. Students can access the course evaluations beginning one week before the end of classes. The deadline for submission of evaluations occurs Monday at 5 p.m. following the last day of the class. You will receive an e-mail to your student e-mail account when course evaluations are available.

ADA Syllabus Statement

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.

The Learning Commons:

The library, tutoring and writing centers, and open study space are located on the second floor of South Portland's Campus Center and in the Midcoast's LL Bean Learning Commons and Health Science Center. Here you can find free academic support through individual and online tutoring, information literacy/research librarians, and professional academic strategy/planning mentoring. There are many desktop and laptop computers as well as printers, reserve textbooks, and other academic tools available for use within the Learning Commons. Services are offered by appointment or as drop-in assistance. To access services, visit My Learning in My Maine Guide. Students consistently report that the Learning Commons is an inviting and friendly place to seek academic support or study. Those who make use of the Learning Commons regularly have been shown to be more likely to succeed—take advantage of this exceptional resource for this, or any of your classes.

SMCC Pay-for-Print Policy

Each semester students receive a \$20 printing credit. The balance resets at the end of the semester and any remaining credits are removed. The College's pay-for-print system monitors printing on all printers (including those in general access labs, library printers, Tutoring Services, Campus Center Lounge and technology labs). Be sure to log OUT of the system when you've finished your printing, to prevent unauthorized access to your account. 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. 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 e-mail to helpdesk@smccme.edu.

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.

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, usually 75 percent of course meeting times; please check with the Registration Office. To withdraw from a course, a student must complete and submit the appropriate course withdrawal form, available at the Registration Office. This process must be completed either in person or by using SMCC e-mail accounts.

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 that the student should receive for the assignment and the course. The instructor may assign a failing grade for the assignment or 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 or in the administrative offices in the Learning Commons on the Midcoast 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.