

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: COL 100 – Freshman Success Seminar

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Course Description: This course will assist new college students to acquire essential skills needed for academic success. The topics covered including, but not limited to are: campus resources, classroom strategies, library skills, computer resources, critical thinking, time management, academic advising and student responsibilities. Upon completion, students should be able to manage their learning experiences to successfully meet educational goals.

Course Goals:

- Obtain necessary skills to participate fully in the college experience.
- Transition into higher education smoothly, by acquiring effective skills that will one day be applied into competitive work environments.
- Identify campus resources and self-resources that will aid success while in college.

Outcomes: At the completion of this course, the student should be able to demonstrate mastery of the following concepts:

1. Campus services and Resources
2. Learning Styles Goal setting/time management/stress management
3. Listening and note taking strategies
4. Critical thinking/problem-solving skills
5. Test taking skills
6. Work cooperatively in groups
7. Effective communication skills
8. Media research skills/career planning

Course Values: In keeping with the college's mission statement, this course will promote the college's core institutional values:

1. Respect: Instructor and students will foster an environment that is respectful of all classroom members.
2. Responsibility: Instructor and students will foster an environment that actively promotes taking responsibility for one's actions and obligations.
3. Critical Thinking: Instructor and students will strive actively to ensure clear understanding in both written and oral communications.
4. Collaboration: Instructor and students will strive to develop collaborative skills required in achieving team goals.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Eng: 063/073/093

Instructional Methodology: Because of the interactive nature of this course, a variety of instructional methodology will be used including, but not limited to: lecture, group discussion, group activities, video tapes, guest speaker and exploration activities.

College Policies

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanction. Please refer to your “Student Handbook” under “Policy on Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Roseann Dennerlein, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6307 (V/TTY) and her email is rdennerlein@nwcc.commnet.edu.

School Cancellations: If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio stations. Students may also call the College directly at (860) 738-6464 to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.