

Clarendon College
Orientation PSYC 1200
Spring 2011

Course Overview & Description:

This course provides incoming students the opportunity to acquire academic survival skills and to develop critical thinking skills for success in college.

Hybrid Format:

This class is taught in a hybrid format which means that half of the class is online and half is in the traditional face to face classroom. The textbook, journal entries and quizzes are done online. The classroom time is used for discussion and classroom exercises designed to apply what you have learned.

Required Course Materials:

Text – “College and Career Success”

Course Credit:

This course is taken for credit and will need to be repeated if you should go on academic probation or suspension.

Course Requirements:

When students attend class, participate in discussions, and do the reading, students find the subject matter relatively easy to master. Students are responsible to read all material assigned, be prepared for discussion and have completed all assignments before class. No single test or assignment makes or breaks the students' final grade. When students work steadily throughout the semester they do well.

How to Contact the Instructor: See me before or after class. You may phone or leave a voice mail message at 806-874-4834. You can contact me by e-mail at chris.marks@clarendoncollege.edu

Assignments:

Read the chapters and complete the quizzes, exercises and journal entries for the assigned chapter **before you come to class**. You will be required to read approximately one chapter per week during the regular semester.

Academic Accommodations:

Academic accommodations are available for students with disabilities. Please identify yourself to the Dean of Students so that the appropriate accommodations can be made.

Course Calendar:

Complete the journal entries, activities and quizzes on CollegeScope by 11:55 pm **the day before class**. Use the course to complete the quizzes and submit written assignments. Quizzes are also due by 11:55 pm **the day before class**.

Grading Scale:

Grading on the curve is not done under any circumstance in this course. Students are gladly given any grade that they earn. Students are assigned a grade according to the number of points earned at the conclusion of the course. Therefore, it is possible for students to track their progress throughout the course.

Grades will be assigned Based on:

Participation/attendance 50%

Weekly assignments 50%

Below are the requirements for a "D," "C," "B," and "A."

90-100 A

80-89 B

70-79 C

60-69 D

Below 60 F

Attendance:

Students are required to attend all class meetings. If a class meeting is missed, it is the sole responsibility of the students to obtain notes and handouts for another student.

The instructor may drop a student from the course if absences or instances of arriving late for class are determined by the instructor to be excessive.

Class Conduct:

No food or drinks is permitted in the classroom.

Students with pagers and cell phones are requested to have them turned off during class. If an emergency exists requiring these items to remain active during class then notify the Instructor prior to start of class. No earphones/IPods.