## Grade Expectations
### College Level Work: The Reality of Being a First Year Student

The chart below outlines the typical academic expectations of you as a college student. This help can provide you with a realistic introduction to the academic challenges of college.

*NOTE: These are average expectations. Workload will vary depending on the course and instructor.*

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<th>Desired Grade</th>
<th>Hours Outside of Class</th>
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<td>A</td>
<td>Study at least 4 hours outside of class per week.</td>
<td>Attend all classes.</td>
<td>Keep very detailed notes from lectures. Review them several times during the week.</td>
<td>Ask questions in class. Be involved in class discussions.</td>
<td>Do required readings, keeping current with lectures. Thoroughly outline chapters in the textbook.</td>
<td>Study 2-3 weeks in advance for major exams.</td>
<td>Ask questions, discuss difficulties you may be having. Attend help labs.</td>
<td>Complete all assignments on time, do all required and suggested readings, keep current with lectures.</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Study at least 2 hours outside of class per week.</td>
<td>Attend all classes.</td>
<td>Keep detailed notes from lectures. Review them once before next class.</td>
<td>Ask a few questions in class, occasionally add to class discussions.</td>
<td>Do the required readings, take notes as you read.</td>
<td>Study 1-2 weeks in advance for major exams.</td>
<td>Talk with instructor about difficulties, attend help labs.</td>
<td>Complete all assignments on time, do required readings.</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Study for an hour outside of class per week.</td>
<td>Attend all classes.</td>
<td>Take brief notes. Do not review them.</td>
<td>Ask a question every few weeks. Do not participate in class discussions.</td>
<td>Skim the readings, do not take notes.</td>
<td>Review book and class notes. Cram the night of the exam.</td>
<td>Do not talk to the professor.</td>
<td>Do some of the assignments but do not spend much effort.</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Do not study for class. Perhaps review notes.</td>
<td>Sporadically attend class.</td>
<td>Write some words down. Doodle.</td>
<td>Appear to sleep in class occasionally.</td>
<td>Hold onto the book and look at the pictures.</td>
<td>Cram the night of the exam.</td>
<td>Avoid the professor.</td>
<td>Do some assignments but only every now and then.</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>Do not study.</td>
<td>Do not attend.</td>
<td>Do not take notes.</td>
<td>Sleep when you are in class.</td>
<td>What readings?</td>
<td>Wish for the best.</td>
<td>Avoid the professor.</td>
<td>Do not do the assignments.</td>
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Studying is a Full-Time Job!

The following are brief examples of course requirements. Always plan for two to three hours of study time outside of class for each credit a course is worth. For example: 15 credit hours = 30 to 45 hours of study outside of class.

NOTE: These are examples of typical course formats. Please see your course syllabus for specific assignments and requirements. Some professors may require additional work.

**WRTG F111X Writing Across Contexts**
- Class size: 15-20 students
- Attendance: Required; missed classes may result in reduced grade.
- Homework policy: Late work will not be accepted without a reasonable excuse.
- Quizzes: Unannounced in-class essays given throughout the semester.
- Papers: Three argumentative essays, one research paper, four impromptu essays
- Reading: 20-30 pages of reading per week
- Final: Portfolio

**MATH F251X Calculus I**
- Class size: 15-20 students
- Attendance: Required; missed classes may result in reduced grade.
- Homework policy: Late homework will not be accepted for any reason.
- Mid-terms: Three one-hour exams
- Final: Three argumentative essays, one research paper, four impromptu essays
- Reading: 20-30 pages of reading per week
- Final: Portfolio

**CHEM F103X Basic General Chemistry**
- Class size: 200 students in lecture portion of class; 10-15 students in each lab section.
- Attendance: Required
- Homework policy: Assignments are due at the end of class. Late homework is not accepted unless prearranged.
- Quizzes: 5 quizzes throughout the semester
- Mid-terms: One one-hour test
- Final: One two-hour exam and a project presentation

For any course it’s important to attend the class, do the homework, and treat your studies like a job. It’s up to YOU to have a successful college experience!