Grade Expectations
College Level Work: The Reality of Being a Freshman

The purpose of this exercise is to inform you of academic expectations that faculty has of you as a freshman. This information will provide you with a more realistic introduction to the academic challenges of college. (NOTE: Some classes may require more work to achieve these grades).

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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</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 experiencing</td>
<td>Complete all assignments on time, do all the required readings, keep current with lectures, read suggested readings</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Study at least 2+ hours outside of class</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 the required readings,</td>
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<td>Study an hour for each class</td>
<td>Attend all classes</td>
<td>Take brief/simple notes. Don’t review them.</td>
<td>Ask a question every few weeks. Don’t participate in class discussions</td>
<td>Skim the readings, don’t take notes</td>
<td>Review book and class notes. Cram the night of the exam</td>
<td>Don’t talk to the professor</td>
<td>Do some of the assignments but don’t spend much effort</td>
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<td>Don’t study for class. Perhaps review notes.</td>
<td>Sporadically attend class</td>
<td>Write some words down. Doodle.</td>
<td>Appear to sleep 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 again</td>
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<td>Don’t study</td>
<td>Don’t attend</td>
<td>Don’t take notes</td>
<td>Sleep when you’re there</td>
<td>What readings?</td>
<td>Hope for the best</td>
<td>Avoid the professor</td>
<td>Don’t do the assignments</td>
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Studying is a Full-Time Job!

During the first week of courses you will be given a syllabus in each of your classes. The following are brief examples of what you may expect. Always plan for the 2:1 ratio—two hours of study outside of class for every credit a class is worth. For example: 15 credit hours = 30 hours of study outside of class.

NOTE: Some professors may require more work.

**English F111x-Academic Writing**

1. Class 15-20 students per class
2. Attendance: Required, except for illness. Missed classes will result in reduced grade.
3. Quizzes: Unannounced in class essays will be given throughout the semester.
4. Papers: Three argumentative essays, one research paper, four impromptu essays.
5. Homework policy: Late work will not be accepted without a reasonable excuse.
6. Reading: 20-30 pages of reading per week.
7. How the final grade is determined: Check syllabus for grading system.

**Chem F103X– Basic General Chemistry**

1. Class format: 200 students in lecture portion of class. 10-15 students in lab section.
2. Attendance: Required, except for illness.
3. Quizzes: 5 quizzes throughout the semester.
4. Homework policy: Homework due at end of class. Late homework is not accepted under any circumstance unless prearranged.
5. Major tests: Book test and final exam.
6. Final Project: Presentation of final project in class.
7. Final: In-class exam.
8. How the final grade is determined: Check syllabus for grading system.

**Math F200x: Calculus I**

1. Class format: 15-20 students
2. Attendance: Required, except for illness. Missed classes result in grade reductions.
3. Homework policy: Late homework will not be accepted for any reason.
4. Exams: There will be three midterm hour-long exams and one two-hour exam at the end of the semester.
5. How the final grade is determined: Check syllabus for grading system.

For any class it’s important to attend the class, do the homework, and treat your studies like a job. Only you can make yourself successful in college!