



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).

| Desired Grade | Hours outside of class | Attendance | Note Taking | Participation | Readings | Test Preparation | Talking to instructor | Assignments |
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| A | Study at least 4+ hours outside of class | Attend all classes | Keep very detailed notes from lectures. Review them several times during the week. | Ask questions in class. Be involved in class discussions | Do required readings, keeping current with lectures. Thoroughly outline chapters in the text-book | Study 2-3 weeks in advance for major exams | Ask questions, discuss difficulties you may be experiencing | Complete all assignments on time, do all the required readings, keep current with lectures, read suggested readings |
| B | Study at least 2+ hours outside of class | Attend all classes | Keep detailed notes from lectures. Review them once before next class | Ask a few questions in class, occasionally add to class discussions | Do the required readings, take notes as you read | Study 1-2 weeks in advance for major exams | Talk with instructor about difficulties, attend help labs | Complete all assignments on time, do the required readings, |
| C | Study an hour for each class | Attend all classes | Take brief/simple notes. Don't review them. | Ask a question every few weeks. Don't participate in class discussions | Skim the readings, don't take notes | Review book and class notes. Cram the night of the exam | Don't talk to the professor | Do some of the assignments but don't spend much effort |
| D | Don't study for class. Perhaps review notes. | Sporadically attend class | Write some words down. Doodle. | Appear to sleep occasionally | Hold onto the book and look at the pictures | Cram the night of the exam | Avoid the professor | Do some assignments but only every now and again |
| F | Don't study | Don't attend | Don't take notes | Sleep when you're there | What readings? | Hope for the best | Avoid the professor | Don't do the assignments |

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 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!***