

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number:	COLL-160	Department:	SOCIAL SCIENCES		
Course Title:	College Success Seminar	Semester:	Fall	Year:	2008

Course Objective	Competencies
1. To recognize and to utilize appropriate college resources.	Students will demonstrate knowledge and facility with appropriate college support services, including, but not limited to, the library, Financial Aid Office, Counseling Center, Registrar, Student Activities, WebAdvisor and G-Mail.
2. To employ specific test-taking strategies for maximum success.	Students will develop skills to address test taking issues such as anxiety, test management, and memory building/recall techniques.
3. To identify different purposes for reading and to adapt reading strategies for differing aims.	Students will distinguish among various reading purposes and link appropriate reading technique to reading purpose. Students will apply a variety of text-book reading processes, such as SQ3R (Survey, Question, Read, Recite, and Review). Students will learn specific note-taking skills for classroom lectures and textbook annotation, such as the Cornell Method of Note-taking or Graphic Organizers (Venn Diagrams and Mapping).
4. To differentiate among various teaching and learning styles.	Students will ascertain their dominant learning styles and consider how to adapt them to different teaching styles.
5. To introduce students to information and media literacy.	Students will develop critical thinking skills that will help them navigate electronic and print databases, evaluate source

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	credibility and validity, and synthesize the information.
6. To strengthen written and verbal communication skills.	Students will submit a variety of written assignments and/or oral presentations.
7. To strengthen vocabulary through referential and contextual analysis.	Students will increase their understanding and use of new course-specific vocabulary terms through quizzes, paper, and oral presentations.

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