

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

ORI 101 STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Comprehensive success course designed for students to develop and enhance their academic and personal skills. Emphasis is placed upon promoting a successful college experience through improved study skills, critical thinking skills, and general life skills. Topics include: self awareness, career exploration, college resources/policies, memory techniques, test-taking strategies, note-taking, time management, goal setting, learning styles, technology, values clarification, community involvement, and effective communication. The course will encourage students to examine their own behaviors, expectations, and attitudes to help them exercise more effective strategies for success.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Acquire and adopt techniques and attitudes to facilitate the successful attainment of their educational and career goals.
- 1.2 Become familiar with college resources, policies and technology to help them adjust better to college life, participate in activities, and connect to the college community.
- 1.3 Demonstrate the critical thinking skills required to make well-informed, well-considered decisions.
- 1.4 Recognize the importance of life skills (communication, problem solving, teamwork) to succeed in college, career, and life.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 Realize a sense of self-awareness and self-analysis to enhance critical thinking abilities and decision-making.
- 2.2 Apply values clarification and career exploration research tools/resources to help determine a specific major and career choice.
- 2.3 Identify and use services available through campus resources.
- 2.4 Become acquainted with the curriculum and policies of the college.
- 2.5 Apply memory enhancement techniques.
- 2.6 Identify and use effective college test-taking strategies
- 2.7 Apply note-taking techniques
- 2.8 Develop a personalized time management system
- 2.9 Develop long and short term goals for career development and academic success
- 2.10 Use campus technology (Web advisor, Computer Lab, On-line, etc.)
- 2.11 Explain the components of a healthy lifestyle
- 2.12 Identify the value of community service and involvement
- 2.13 Apply effective communication skills

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Group Activities
- 3.2 Cooperative learning
- 3.3 Lectures
- 3.4 Guest speakers
- 3.5 Class discussions

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Group discussions and in-class exercises
- 4.2 Article summaries and written journal

- 4.3 Videos
- 4.4 Scavenger hunt
- 4.5 Role playing
- 4.6 Simulations

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Grade will be earned by an assortment of learning activities. Exams, assignments, and participation
- 5.2 Please see the class schedule and assignment sheet for more information

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
 - Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
 - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
 - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course