



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
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!