

# EDUC1300 Academic Strategies

(based on Learning Frameworks)

The Teaching & Learning Center at South Plains College

## **Instructor:**

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## **Office Location/Hours:**

Levelland, Technology Center 202

Online via Blackboard Collaborate (links provided in Blackboard)

## **Required Materials:**

***Consistent and reliable access to a computer (not a cell phone) with internet access*** for daily online work related to this course. (Important news: This is a critical component of any class, especially in online format courses like this one!)

**College Success from OpenStax** (This is a free online textbook and it's linked in your blackboard course), ISBN: 978-1951693183, [www.openstax.org/deatils/college-success](http://www.openstax.org/deatils/college-success)

***Change Your Brain, Change Your Grades*** by Dr. Daniel G. Amen (This book can be purchased at any major book retailer for around \$10; order now so you can start reading no later than Week 2 of the semester), ISBN: 978-1948836852

**Microsoft Office 365** (Free to SPC students) for email, file storage, and MS Office applications: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneDrive, etc. Visit <https://office.com> to sign up using your SPC login credentials. Contact the help desk for assistance logging in for the first time: 806.716.2600 or email [HelpDesk@SouthPlainsCollege.edu](mailto:HelpDesk@SouthPlainsCollege.edu)

## **Course Description:**

This course is designed to help you create greater success in college and in life. This is achieved by helping students explore who they are, understand where they come from, and decide where they are going. By applying the strategies of active learning, self-motivation, self-management, self-awareness, and interdependence you will create greater academic, professional, and personal success. The most important part of this course, however, is learning more about yourself. You will learn who you are as a college student and human being, and you will learn what it takes for you to keep yourself balanced and on course for success.

This course is a study of the 1) research and theory in the psychology of learning, cognition, and motivation, 2) factors that impact learning, and 3) application of learning strategies. Theoretical models of strategic learning, cognition, and motivation serve as the conceptual basis for the introduction of college-level student academic strategies. Students use assessment instruments (e.g., learning inventories) to help them identify their own strengths and weaknesses as strategic learners. Students are expected to integrate and apply the learning skills discussed across their own academic programs and become effective and efficient learners. Students developing these skills should be able to draw continually from the theoretical models they have learned. This course is recommended for all students, especially nontraditional students and students on academic probation and is required for students returning to college after academic suspension or by placement by the Admissions Committee.

**Course purpose:**

The purpose of this course is to prepare students for college and life success, equipped with knowledge, skills, strategies and tools to apply to accomplish a variety of tasks in varying contexts.

**Course location:** Blackboard, online

**Course frequency & design:**

Weekly assignments/lectures/due dates TBA; Instructional methods to be used in this course will include Discussion Boards; PowerPoints; Digital Homework; Articles and other resources; and Videos.

**Course Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to

- I. Construct a personal learning system informed by the research and theory in the science and psychology of learning, cognition, and motivation.
  - a. Identify their personal strengths and weaknesses as strategic learners and apply their knowledge to classroom learning.
  - b. Demonstrate the use of learning strategies and study skills.
  - c. Learn cognitive and metacognitive strategies to increase college academic success.
  
- II. Identify factors that impact learning and apply techniques and strategies to achieve personal, financial, academic, and career success.

- d. Explore strategies for adapting to different learning environments and delivery formats.
  - e. Develop awareness of campus resources to support college success.
  - f. Develop awareness of financial literacy and how it impacts educational and career success.
- III. Develop an educational and career plan based on individual assessments and exploration of options.
- g. Identify and file the appropriate degree plan with proper advisement.
  - h. Write and prioritize short-term and long-term goals related to your time at South Plains College.
  - i. Explore career options incorporating the use of related assessments and tools.
- IV. Identify and understand how soft skills are directly correlated to personal, academic, and career success.
- j. Accept personal responsibility
  - k. Discover self-motivation
  - l. Master self-management
  - m. Employ interdependence
  - n. Gain self-awareness
  - o. Develop emotional intelligence

**Course Evaluation:**

Grades are based on the following scale:

90 to 100 = A    80 to 89 = B    70 to 79 = C    60 to 69 = D    0 to 59 = F

**Your Grades will be based on the following percentages:**

Participation (Discussion Board participation, Journal Entries, Reflection, Daily Assignments)	50%
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Student Success Assignments (Major Assignments (noted to students), Exams & Projects count twice as much as daily assignments)	50%
TOTAL	100%

**The grades you receive on your assignments, discussion board, etc. are indicators of your progress in this class. It is each student's responsibility to continually monitor academic progress on My Grades on BB.**

**Missed or Late Assignment Policy:**

Late or missed assignments will not be accepted. **PLEASE no exceptions.** It is not fair to the other students. Each weekly module will open on Friday morning @ 9 am and close the following Thursday night @ 11:59 pm. You may work on your weekly assignments *anytime* during the 7 days it remains open and available, but the deadline is firm.

- Submit all assignments using **MS Office** software (remember, it's FREE for SPC students!) **I MUST be able to open, download, and save your assignments!** If I cannot, I will email you to submit an assignment in the correct format. After that, you will receive a 0 for any assignment submitted in a format other than Microsoft Office.
- **Should you forget to attach an assignment,** you will be reminded to do so ASAP. Failure to resubmit will result in a 0.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students must actively attend and participate in the online environment to reach a measure of success.

**Absences/going more than one week without logging in and participating will affect your grade in this course. You may be dropped from the course with an 'X' or an 'F' if I believe the objectives of the course cannot be met due to your lack of participation and attendance.** If you have excessive absences, I will try to contact you. If you have excessive absences and you do not respond to my attempts to contact you, you will receive an F in the course.

- Students are expected to log in frequently in order to stay up to date with assignments, due dates, and email messages.
- If a student goes 7 days (one week) without logging in to Blackboard and/or responding to attempts from the instructor to contact them, they may be dropped from the course.

**Online Behavior/Discussion Board "Netiquette":**

It is expected that you will use professional language, free from slang or profanity, in the discussion board. There may be times when you agree with some people or disagree with others; that is ok in a discussion! The important thing is to discuss topics in a professional, respectful manner. Also, you are expected to keep all posts related to the topic being discussed.

### **Academic Integrity:**

It is the aim of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present assignments that he or she has not honestly performed is regarded as a serious offense. If another student has provided the work, that student is equally at fault. Offenders are liable to the consequences for cheating and plagiarism as described in the SPC catalog in sections, "Academic Integrity" and "Student Conduct." Consequences can range from an F in the course to suspension from the college.

### **Students with Disabilities Statement:**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in the class must notify the Special Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Coordinator of Special Services. For more information, call or visit the Special Services Office.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement:**

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Stan DeMerritt, Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

### **Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations:**

If you are pregnant or have given birth within six months, under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical information, to the Director of Health & Wellness. Once approved, a notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Chris Straface, Director of Health & Wellness @ 806-716-2362 or email [cstraface@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cstraface@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**Covid Statement: If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or get tested for COVID-19: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever or chills, muscles or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, new loss of taste or**

**smell.** Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376.

### **Tutoring Services:**

Additional information regarding this area will be made available closer to the start of the term. Tutoring Services will be offering face-to-face tutoring one-on-one appointments, one-on-one live virtual sessions with SPC tutors, as well as using services from tutor.com. For additional questions regarding Tutoring Services or scheduling, please contact Ms. Rebecca Grunder at 806-716-2538 or at [rgrunder@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:rgrunder@southplainscollege.edu).

### **Library Resources:**

Access electronic resources, chat with a librarian, get help with your citation, and find short videos to help you get started with using Library services. Visit <https://southplainscollege.libguides.com/> or contact the library at Levelland (806-716-2330 or [library@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:library@southplainscollege.edu)) or at Reese (806-716-4682 or [referencelub@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:referencelub@southplainscollege.edu)).

### **Technology Resources:**

**Computers for Checkout** - Chromebooks are available for students to checkout. Contact the Library for additional information at Levelland (806-716-2330 or [library@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:library@southplainscollege.edu)) or at Reese (806-716-4682 or [referencelub@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:referencelub@southplainscollege.edu)).

**Wireless Internet Hotspots for Checkout** - Wireless internet hotspots are available for checkout from the Library on the Levelland campus for students who do not have access to the internet while off-campus. The hotspots can be turned in either at the library in Levelland or at the Reese Center. More information is available by calling at Levelland (806-716-2330 or [library@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:library@southplainscollege.edu)) or at Reese (806-716-4682 or [referencelub@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:referencelub@southplainscollege.edu)).

### **Wireless Internet Access on SPC Parking Lots –**

#### **Levelland Campus**

**Reese Center** – Building 8 parking lot

**Lubbock Center** – West & North side of building in parking spaces closest to building

**Plainview Center** – West & South of building, parking spaces close to the building

**Wireless Assistance** - A link to phone carrier assistance plans for cellular data and wireless can be accessed at <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/emergency/wifi-resources.php>.