Objectives

- Become familiar with college expectations.
- Understand classroom etiquette.
- Understand the steps for academic success.
- Learn how to interact with professors.
- Discuss the importance of developing peer groups.
- Understand the importance of academic reputation.
What to Expect

- Varying Class Sizes & Types:
  - 100+ lecture
  - 15+ seminar course
  - 5+ discussion
  - 25+ lab course

- A lot of reading, and a lot of writing!
  - ASW – MLA/APA Format
Classroom Etiquette

- Come to class prepared to discuss
- Laptop users: Don’t surf the web during class
- Turn your phone off during class
  - No texting
- Contribute to the discussion
- Ask questions
Academic Reputation

“80% of success is showing up.”
- Woody Allen

Academic reputation, like any reputation, will follow you wherever you go.

- Get good grades, a high G.P.A speaks volumes about you and your work ethic.
- Interact with your professors (they may write great letters of recommendation later on).
- Get involved with campus activities. Athletic, academic, or cultural events are always taking place and you never know who you might meet there.
Steps to Success

- Attend class
- Be organized
- Budget your time well
  - ASW – Strategic Time Management
- Treat each class as if it were a job
- Take good notes
- Learn good textbook reading skills
  - ASW – Textbook Tactics
- Study smarter, not harder
- Learn how to take exams
  - ASW – The Exam Game Plan
- Learn how to relax
  - ASW – The Art of Relaxation
Interacting with Professors

- Utilize office hours, posted on the syllabus
  - Most professors will tell you if they prefer to be contacted via phone or email – make a note on the syllabus for future reference
- Read professor’s bio, if it is available
- Address professor with formal title (Dr. ___)
- Don’t hesitate to contact your professor if you need additional assistance or are concerned about your performance in class
Developing Peer Groups

- Peer groups are an extended support network that can help you during the academic year:
  - Get to know peers in your class.
  - Set up study groups or compare notes.
- Be involved in events around campus:
  - Look at the university’s calendar of events
  - Community involvement is good for scholarship applications and résumés