

LSK 51-F 1398 Learn how to be a good test-taker Fall 2015

Classroom	General Classroom Building Room 320
Days/Times	Tuesday and Thursday 1:25-2:33 pm
Instructor	Fran Israel
Office Location	DSPS in the Student Services building, room 320
Office hours:	Tuesday/Thursday 10:30 to 11-30 and 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Phone	310 287-4450
Email	israelf@wlaac.edu
Textbook	Handout
Materials:	3 ring notebook, paper;

Overview In this class you will think critically about what kinds of difficulty you face in a test setting. We will look at strategies to help you improve your grades and worry less. This class combines lecture, discussion and activities.

Outcome a) Will create an organized plan for study and test preparation to build confidence and increase mastery.

Topics for the 8 class meetings

1. Introduction
2. Reducing Stress
3. Before the test
4. 5+1 day study plan for 4 chapter exam
5. During the test; after the test
6. Taking objective tests
7. Taking essay tests
8. Math, open book, computer-use, standardized tests

Long term assignment due 8th meeting. Develop a study plan for a 3 chapter test. Models provided in your packet. You may work with a study partner. Start after the 4th class. This takes planning!!

Grading:

Credit/ No credit. You will be evaluated on

1. Completion of long term study plan assignment
2. Regular and on-time attendance
3. Appropriate classroom participation
4. Notebook organization and completeness

This class meets only 8 times; you cannot learn if you are not in class...on time!

1 absence is allowed; 2 times late =1 absence.

If you have 2 unexcused absences (other than emergency) or repeated inappropriate class participation, I will drop you from the roster so you can add another class and not lose the .5 unit

The Rules:

1. Respect for others is the #1 requirement in this class. Talking; texting, passing messages, ringing phones and getting up to answer phones/pagers in middle of class, are all disruptive, rude behaviors that lead others to believe that you believe that no one else's time is as valuable as your own. In college professors are not required by law to keep anyone in class who has a negative effect in the classroom. College is not everyone's right; it is a privilege .

2. Everyone needs to listen with respect to other's questions and comments. There will be no negative comments or laughter that shows disrespect for others. There are no foolish questions in this classroom. Your comments should be polite and positive at all times.

This class is offered to help you to learn better, improve your grades and reach the goals in life that you have chosen, both in college and the world of work.