

The Classroom and Learning Experience

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Discussion Agenda

- Success through resiliency.
- Understanding how you learn.
- Learning strategies.
- Faculty expectations.
- Conclusion.

Success through resiliency:

- Capacity to spring back in the face of adversity (Henderson and Milstein, 1996).
- Reaching beyond survival mode to take control and participate (Higgins, 1994).

Understanding Your Learning

- Understanding how you learn can lead to academic success (use proper study strategies).
- Learning Style Inventory (LSI).
- Consider what has worked in the past.
- Consider what has not worked in the past.

Learning Styles Theory

- **Visual Learners** – learn best by taking in information through their eyes.
- **Auditory Learners** – learn best by taking in information through their ears.
- **Kinesthetic Learners** – learn best by doing, moving, or other hands-on experiences.

Strategies for Visual Learners

- Use colored pens/pencils and highlighting.
- Look at pictures, titles, and headings in your books.
- Summarize what you read verbally or in writing.
- Write down important things to remember (quotes, dates, equations, etc.).
- Make/use flash cards to study (read/rewrite concepts on separate paper).

Strategies for Auditory Learners

- Talk “through” information and concepts with others.
- Look at pictures, titles, and headings in your books and say aloud what you believe the material will cover.
- Review flash cards and notes by reciting material aloud.
- Summarize notes and readings on tape and play back to yourself.

Strategies for Kinesthetic Learners

- Use color to highlight main ideas in books, notes and on flash cards.
- Read / recite from flash cards while walking, pedaling, or pacing.
- Use bright colored construction paper on desktop to maintain focus.
- Take frequent study breaks (no TV, radio, or telephone).
- Organize flashcards in piles by groups or categories.
- Role-play.

DCCC instructors expect you to...

- Come to class on time.
- Communicate regarding concerns or difficulties.
- Read the syllabus and ask questions.
- Have required course materials (textbook, etc.)
- Take assignments and learning activities seriously.

DCCC instructors expect you to...

- Attend all scheduled class sessions (DCCC Attendance Policy)
- Participate in class discussions.
- Do homework, even if it is not collected.
- Get help when you need it.
- Respect others.



Final Thoughts

- College is a very challenging, demanding, and rewarding experience.
- Remember to make your courses and your study time a priority.
- Be honest and realistic as you plan.
- You may feel “pulled” in many directions: stay focused.
- Avoid procrastination.



Congratulations!

We wish you great success as you study here at Delaware County Community College.