School of Student Life Skills

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What is SLS?

The School of Student Life Skills:

**SLS1122** – Managing Your Success

**SLS2281** – Diversity, Culture and Communication

**SLS2505** – Critical Thinking

**SLS2301** – Career Development

**SLS1130L** – DSC Basics
What is Managing Your Success all about?:

**College expectations and resources** - Student Handbook and all of the academic and student development departments that help to support them.

**Academic and personal skills** – effectively using the Learning Commons Services (Academic Support, Library and Writing Center), motivation, goal setting, time management, financial literacy, stress management and more.

**Technology** – using the student portal, Falcon Online course navigation, basic software skills.

**Academic and career planning** – developing a strong understanding of individual major/degree goals and the world of work.
SLS1122 – Managing Your Success

• Required in first semester
• Associate of Arts requirement – Gen Ed
• Attendance is mandatory – encourage students to be there the first day
• Interactive course
• Highlight college resources
• Required textbook w/access card – no used textbooks
• Most assignments are reflective writing assignments
SLS2281- Diversity, Culture and Communication

1. Cultural/Global Focus Area
   - Column II course
   - expands awareness of the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively interact with and serve diverse populations, emphasize attitudes and competencies that are important in lives beyond college, as well as in interactions with others

2. Teaching Format
   - F2F
   - Online
   - Daytona and Flagler Campuses

“People will forget what you said, what you did, but not how you made them feel” Maya Angelou
SLS2301 – Career Development

- College Credit Elective
- Taught in Volusia and Flagler County high schools as a dual enrollment course
- One online section in Fall and Spring
- Overview of career interests, values, aptitude, career and academic program exploration and employability skills including job search planning
SLS1130L– DSC Basics

This course will highlight need-to-know first semester college policies, services, campus locations and suggestions to prepare for the first day of class.

• Taught by SLS Faculty and Advising Coordinator
• Voluntary 3 hour session
• Taught on all campuses in a computer lab
• Students get a hands on experience
SLS2505 – Critical Thinking

• This course is designed to teach students to become critical thinkers, showing students how to apply their critical thinking skills to everyday problems and issues in school, in careers, and in their personal lives and public affairs
  • Taught in Quanta program in Fall Semester
  • Taught in Spring on Daytona Campus
  • College credit elective
QUESTIONS?

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Fact Sheet for SLS1122 Managing Your Success

What is Managing Your Success all about?

Managing Your Success is intended to help students learn about themselves, navigate not only through college but also to develop lifelong skills. It was developed to help students become aware of the skills and expectations in college and the workplace as well as giving them the opportunity to get some hands on experience with commonly used tools and services that can help them along the way. The course is closely coordinated with College Composition (ENC1101) and reinforces skills that will help performance in that course, as well as others. The point is to get students oriented not only to Daytona State College as a whole, but to help them take advantage of the available resources and to better understand how to use the technology of the College.

What is covered in the class?

The course covers the following areas:

- **College expectations and resources** - the College Catalog, Student Handbook and all of the academic and student development departments that help to support them.
- **Academic and personal skills** – effectively using the Academic Support Center, Library and Writing Center, as well as motivation, goal setting, time management, financial literacy, stress management and more.
- **Technology** – using the student portal MyDaytonaState, Falcon Online course navigation, and basic Word skills.
- **Academic and career planning** – developing a strong understanding of individual major/degree goals and how to prepare for the world of work.

What kind of experience will students have?

The course is designed to be highly interactive and engaging. Students should expect to get hands on experience with the content, applying the ideas to practical and meaningful real life situations. That also means that the students should expect to be active and involved.

What are the benefits of taking Managing My Success?

Students will use what they learn in Managing My Success long after completing the course. They will be much more prepared for all other courses taken at Daytona State College as a result of completing it.

- The skills taught and meaningful hands-on experiences with the topics discussed will help students create better personal strategies for effectively managing their time, their tasks and have a strong foundational set of technology skills that will help them focus on the content of future courses.
- Students will walk away with a better understanding of each of the resources Daytona State College provides on a no-fee basis to help them succeed such as tutoring and supplemental instruction.
- They will also learn about how to prepare for the future, financially, whether that is through financial aid, scholarships or simple money management and budgeting.