Fast Track Syllabus Statement

Congratulations! You are enrolled in a Fast Track class. Taking a Fast Track class means that you will be covering the same amount of content as a full-term semester in only 8 weeks. While Fast Track classes move fast and can be intense, students taking these classes have a 13% higher success rate than students in full-term classes. Students may find the faster pace helps them stay focused, motivated, and retain the information better. It is essential for students to be organized and stay on top of their work in a Fast Track class. The time frame in a Fast Track class is compressed, but the standards and expectations remain the same as a full-term class.

Below are some suggestions that previous Fast Track students have recommended for success in a Fast Track class:

1. Attend every class and make the course work a priority. The increased success rate for Fast Track classes is due in large part to the fact that this class is accelerated, so missing class can diminish this benefit.

2. Make sure you understand the expectations for the class. Ask the instructor for clarification on assignments or expectations in the class. Don’t be afraid to email the instructor questions or visit them during their office hours or by arrangement.

3. Plan ahead and schedule when and where you can complete assignments, study for tests, and prepare for class.

   - Set aside time each week to do the reading and other assigned tasks. Studying and completing class assignments as soon as possible is a good strategy for learning. Find a time that works for your schedule and make it a routine to study at that time.

   - Use a calendar. Include important dates on your calendar (test and quiz dates, deadlines for essays/projects, etc.).

4. Develop techniques for note taking and retaining information from assigned texts and class materials.

5. Seek support at the Success Centers and the Library early and often. Attend learning groups (or form study groups with classmates) and workshops in the Success Centers and create a network of support and resources for mutual success in the class.

6. Regularly back up all homework and written assignments on a flash drive or memory stick in case data gets corrupted or lost.