The Flipped Classroom

Preparing for Class

The flipped classroom reverses the traditional learning environment by delivering instructional content, often online, outside of the classroom. With instructor-led videos and interactive lessons, instruction that used to occur in class is now accessed at home, in advance of class. Your live session class becomes the place to work through problems, advance concepts, and engage in collaborative learning.

To be successful in the flipped classroom, you need to come prepared by:

- Watching all weekly course videos
- Completing assigned readings
- Completing and submitting homework assignments...

PRIOR to the weekly synchronous session.

Not all courses will follow the same structure, so you need to review the syllabus for your course enrollments and know what you are responsible for completing prior to your class time.

Other Tips for Success:

Tip #1: Set aside enough time to prepare for class

You face many demands on your time - from family, work, and personal interests. Balancing these demands with the time needed for classes and studying won't be easy. Each of your courses will require advance preparation. A 3-credit hour class will average approximately 12-15 hours of studying and preparation outside of the classroom to fully prepare for the week. Don't forget that your coursework is available through the mobile app so it's always close by - take the opportunity to chip away at classwork while you can!

Tip #2: Plan carefully

This will help you in finding the balance among competing demands on your time. Avoid wasting time; make every minute of your day count. Think ahead, so you're not working on two papers, reading for multiple classes and catching up on course videos all at the same time. Good planning gives you more time for everything that needs to be done.

Tip #3: Prepare yourself and your family

Life for you and your family will change when classes begin. Just as you may be concerned about the change, expect others in your family to be concerned, too. To help meet your study needs, you may want to:

- Identify a place in the house that is your space for studying
- Identify blocks of time when everyone knows you will be studying
- Ask that you not be disturbed when you’re studying so you can concentrate on your work

Tip #4: Ask for help

Talk with your instructors, your advisor, and the staff at the college you’re attending. Get to know, early on, the resources available to you, and don't wait to ask for help.

Webinar: Success in the Online Environment (video link)
You’re working, taking care of family, attending classes, studying, participating in your community…and much more. Learn some tips and strategies for balancing it all and getting everything done on time.

Managing Multiple Priorities (video link)

The Writing Center is another great resource. Students choose to visit with Writing Center Consultants to:

- interpret an assignment sheet, talk through ideas for a project, discuss course readings, or plan for a paper
- (re)consider choices with regard to audience, focus, reasoning, or organization
- develop ideas with greater specificity
- acquire research strategies, integrate scholarly sources, and apply proper documentation
- improve editing and proofreading skills, expand vocabulary, and better understand technical conventions of academic writing

Writing consultants will work with you at any stage of your writing process. The primary aim of the Writing Center is to help you become a stronger, more accomplished writer.

Appointments are offered in 25 and 50-minute blocks, starting on the hour and half hour. All students are restricted to a total 120 minutes per week. No exceptions. To make the most of your experience, reserve appointments several days in advance as schedules fill quickly.

You can choose to email or chat with consultants:
Email your questions or a brief paper (5 pages, max). You can now submit documents to the eWC via the Writing Center’s main scheduling page. You can log into the schedule, select the term in the eWC schedule, and reserve an eWC "appointment." Once you've reserved an appointment on the eWC schedule, you will be prompted with an option to attach the text you'd like feedback on. Remember that, as per eWC policy, eWC texts are limited to a maximum of five (5) pages; submitting longer documents will result in the cancellation of that appointment. You will receive feedback from an eWC consultant on the date on which you've reserved an eWC appointment.

Please contact Ben Erwin (bmerwin@syr.edu) with any questions.

Before reserving an online chat appointment, install a current version of AIM for Windows or Messages for Mac and understand the program's basic functions. If you need assistance in learning more about these programs, email us at writingcenter@listserv.syr.edu or call the Writing Center (315.443.5289) during normal business hours.

To make an appointment, log on to the website using your SU NetID and the first nine digits of your SU ID# (without hyphens): The Writing Center
ITS Service Center

Information Technology Services - Tech Support is available to you!

The ITS Website itself has its own wealth of information you may find useful. Pay particular attention to the Services section for other important information.

Additionally, you can submit a help ticket directly through the website here.

What is Two Factor Authentication (2FA)?

To search for answers to your Blackboard questions, visit: Answers self-help knowledge base

If you have problems logging in or need assistance, contact the ITS Service Center at help@syr.edu or 315.443.2677

ITS Hours:
Sunday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. (EST)
Friday & Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (EST)
Full Support Schedule (NetID Login Required)

Information Technology Resources (video link)