Going to College
Is a Journey
You are the driver
College students are too busy.
College is too expensive.
For you to *just* come along for the ride.
And if you are going to be even moderately successful,

You have to do more than just SHOW UP!
You are the **Driver**
If you are going to get to your destination

You need to:

Develop your knowledge base.
Develop your skills.
Develop your confidence.
Actively Participate

• Set goals
• Think critically
• Make best use of time
• Maximize skills such as note taking and test taking
You need to know more than

How to Study
You need to know

HOW TO LEARN
That is the focus of this course
Welcome to University 1010 K!
Learning Strategies
Learn how to **MAXIMIZE**

*Your Memory*

*Your Note Taking*

*Your Textbook Reading*

*Your Test Taking*

*Your Critical Thinking*

*Your Time Management*

*Your Research Skills*
Prepare Technologically

Study Skills Home Page (Help Page)

- http://www.mtsu.edu/~studskl

See "Computers in KOM" 161 for more about computer use
5 Units
Orientation

Making a Smooth Transition to College

Goal Setting

Time Management

Critical Thinking
Learning Principles

10 Learning Principles

Quick Reference Guide for Brain Compatible Learning Principles
Processing Information

Note Taking

Textbook Reading

Learning Styles
Test Taking Strategies
Using College Resources

Using the MTSU Library

Other College Resources
Grades

Unit Test on Each of 5 Units
(1 grade each 1/10 each)
Reviews on line
Homework/class work and quizzes
Counts as 2 unit tests 2/10
Cumulative throughout the semester

Exploring college activities
Choose from list to earn 100 points
Counts as 1 grade 1/10

Final Exam
Counts as 2 unit tests 2/10
Cumulative--taken from 5 unit tests
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Absences

You are responsible for what goes on in class whether you are in attendance or not.

– Check you syllabus for what *probably* went on
– Check assignment log for what was taken up
– Call study partner
– E-mail instructor
Absences

MWF class  3 absences for any reason
T/R of M/W  2 absences for any reason

If you exceed your absences you should receive an F.

Make sure you understand if there is a make up policy.
Required Materials

Practicing College Learning Strategies, 6th edition (Hopper Wadsworth Cengage)

LASSI

MTSU Planbook

3 ring binder

Index cards
Reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities:

If you have a disability that may require assistance or accommodation, or you have questions related to any accommodation for testing, note takers, readers, etc., please speak with the instructor as soon as possible.

Students may also contact the Office of Disabled Student Services (898-2783) with questions about such services.
Absolutely No Food or Drink in the classroom.

There are NO exceptions.
Learning occurs only when you are actively involved

• Turn off your cell phone when you come in the classroom.
• Check the front screen for what homework assignment is due and turn it in.
• Get your paper set up for notes
• Do NOT turn on computer unless asked to do so.
• If your computer is on during class, forget checking email, IMing, text messaging or changing computer setting.
• Ask questions to assure you understand.
Being a College Student is a lot like driving a car.
Parallel Parking

View the following slides and quickly write down a comparison to being a college student.