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 log on occasionally
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
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 1/9 each)
Reviews on line

Participation/ Summaries, Discussion Posts and Read, and Prompt responses to instructor emails
Counts as 2 unit tests 2/9
Cumulative throughout the semester

Final Exam
Counts as 2 unit tests 2/9
Cumulative--taken from 5 unit tests
Grading Scale

92-100  A
84-91   B
76-83   C
68-75   D
Anything below 68  F
Required Materials

Practicing College Learning Strategies, 6th edition (Hopper Wadsworth Cengage)
Learning occurs only when you are actively involved

- Keep up to date with all assignments.
- Make sure you know when assignments are due.
- Check your email within D2L (top left corner) at least once a week.
- Participate in discussion board assignments.
- Ask questions to assure you understand.
- Set aside time at least 3 times a week to work on assignments.
- The two most common mistakes made by online students are waiting until the last minute and not keeping in constant contact with your instructor.
The course is managed on D2L.

To log on go to elearn.mtsu.edu.

Choose appropriate course UNIV1010.

You can also get to D2L from your Pipeline account.
To begin the course

- Log on to your D2L account
- When you log on, read all announcements on the homepage.
  Check your email by clicking on Email on the menu bar in the top left corner.
- top left corner. Email for this course goes only through D2L— not your regular MTSU email account.
To Begin the Course

• Click on "CONTENT"
Basic Concept

- Read a chapter in the textbook
  - Fill in summary and work exercises and you read.
- Then log on and supplement with power points, virtual field trips.
- Post on the discussion board as directed.
- Fill in the summary on-line and submit
How much time will I need for the course?

• For the on campus course you would spend 3 hours in the classroom and be assigned 4-6 hours of outside preparation.

• You should allow at least this much time for the online section.
If you are not willing are able to spend 5-7 hours per week to be successful in the course.

• you should drop it immediately and take it on campus.

• If all on campus sections are full you may be able to defer taking the class until next semester.
Overview

• You should first review the assigned reading in the text. (*Practicing College Learning Strategies, 6th Edition*, Hopper, Houghton Mifflin Co)

• In each chapter in the content this labeled textbook assignment

• Work exercises as you come to them to reinforce and practice what you read.
Be sure that you

• Click on CONTENT
• And then click each item in order
Each chapter will have Power Points

• The PowerPoint slides will visually summarize the main points of the chapter.

• You will probably find them extremely useful; however, there is no assignment connected to the PowerPoints
Virtual Field Trips

• Most chapters will have at least one virtual field trip or internet assignment.
• Follow the directions in the chapter content list for what to do.
• Usually information you find is posted on the discussion board.
Discussion Questions

• For each chapter you will be asked to participate in discussions about material you are working with.
• These are linked in the course content or you may go directly to discussions.
• You should participate in all discussions linked to course. Your answers are part of your grade.
Chapter Summaries

- Each chapter has a **summary** to fill in and **submit**.
- You can fill in the answers in your text and then type them into the appropriate boxes on line.
- Be sure to check later for comments from your instructor and your score.
- **Summaries must be posted before each unit test is scheduled.**
Each chapter has practice quiz

- They are labeled as ACE quiz.
- *There is an option for emailing to your instructor on each quiz. You need not e-mail these to your instructor.*
- They are for your practice.
You can progress at your own pace.

• However, the chapters and their respective summaries MUST be completed before the time announced for that Unit.

• (You may be ahead of schedule—but not behind)
E-Mail for course

- All communication about the course is done through D2L email
- Look on the navy bar at the top of all pages. Click on email.
- My address is chopper!
- or you can click on classlist and choose staff for me and students for other students in class
The chapters are divided into Units

• At the end of a certain number of chapters, you will have a unit test.

• There are 5 total tests

• There is a REVIEW SHEET for each test.
Tests and Final Exam

• Tests are given on campus in COE 224 at the times announced on your handout.

• If you cannot take the test at that time, there is a procedure for taking a makeup or "flex" test in the testing center (KOM 126)
Before you leave today

• Make sure you are clear about testing procedures.

• Make sure you can log on.

• Make sure you turn in your information sheet
If you would like to visit an on campus class:

- Go to the Study Skills Help Page
- http://www.mtsu.edu/~studskl/
- Click on Syllabus for time and what topic is being covered.
Your On-Line Instructor is

• Dr. Carolyn Hopper
• Phone 898-2157
• Email should be sent through the course-chopper.