

Virginia Western Community College

SDV 101

Orientation to Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Transfer

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Introduces students to the skills that are necessary to achieve their academic goals, to services offered at the college and to the discipline in which they are enrolled. Covers topics such as services at the college including the learning resources center; counseling, and advising; listening, test taking, and study skills; and topical areas that are applicable to their particular discipline.

This course will assist students in establishing a connection with the college using a small group format to acquaint students with other students. The course introduces students to the academic, personal and social skills necessary to achieve their academic goals, to services offered at the college and to the discipline in which they are enrolled. It covers topics such as goal setting, academic advising, listening, discipline specific writing skills, information literacy, academic honesty and topical areas that are applicable to their particular discipline. Explores transfer options for achieving academic goals.

Semester Credits: 2

Lecture Hours: 2

Required Materials

1. Internet Access
2. Canvas
3. Textbook-optional per instructor

Textbook

Brierley, Saroo; *A Long Way Home*. Berkley/Penquin. ISBN: 9780425276198

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- A. Use skills of self-examination and research to explore three different potential career paths
- B. Demonstrate familiarity with the short and long term expectations of degree progress including:
 - the degree requirements for chosen program of study
 - the difference between transfer and applied degree programs
 - the college's academic honesty policy
 - the process to transfer to a four year college.
- C. Understand the differing expectations of academic writing required for different disciplines represented within LASS.
- E. Show some awareness of social and personal issues that affect accomplishing a stated goal, as well as the skills needed to adjust to unexpected challenges.

Topical Description

None

Notes to Instructors

None