



# Student Success Office

## Peer Tips for Success

# SDV 100

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### **What makes a successful student in SDV 100?**

#### *In person*

- Determination, a support team, and commitment
- Be on time with turning in work, know your resources, and always be active in SDV.
- Show up to each class, pay attention to the activities, and do the homework.
- Take notes, keep track of assignments, and start assignments early when possible.
- Read the syllabus and follow your weekly assignments. Stay on top of your weekly assignments and do not wait until the last minute to start or complete the assignment. Do not hesitate to reach out to your professor with questions or concerns you may have with the class. When uploading the required documentation to Canvas, make sure you attach multiple files for the assigned homework if requested. If you upload and submit one file at a time, then Canvas will not recognize the older files but will recognize the newest file. This way it is as though your assignments were not completed.

#### *On-line Anytime*

- Understanding what you really want out of your college education.
- Well organized time management.
- Use your strength and learn new skills
- Keep track of when assignments are due (ex. write due dates in an agenda or planner).
- Make sure you give yourself enough time to complete assignments so you won't be doing them the day they are due
- Don't be afraid to ask questions or just check in with the professor
- Contact instructor, contact academic advisor, connect with classmates

### **When concepts get hard, what strategy do you use to overcome?**

#### *In Person*

- I breathe. Taking deep breaths centers me and brings me back to focus and puts things into perspective. Also, take a break from whatever was bothering you or was becoming difficult. Stepping away and then coming back gives you a fresh start.
- I take a break from what I find is hard and then I come back and try again.
- Getting the work in on time gets hard. I just take time to plan out when I can get everything done the right way.
- Concepts haven't gotten hard yet.
- Ask the teacher for help

#### *On-line Anytime*

- If something doesn't work out you need to try other ways to solve the problems.
- An online anytime can get a bit overwhelming since you don't have face to face interaction with the professor or other students, but fear not. Keeping communication with the professor is key. If you're feeling overwhelmed let the professor know and they will help you out. Also work on checking email and canvas every day, several times a day to make sure you don't miss anything and make sure you are using your time wisely.
- Ask instructor for explanations or check google or dictionary

## **When you got an unfavorable grade in the class, what caused it?**

### *In person*

- Not taking the class seriously and thinking I can just wing it is not a good idea. Prepare for your class and complete your assignments. Make sure to get enough sleep. Set a bedtime schedule and follow it to ensure you get your rest.
- Lack of studying and some tips are to take your time, reread the question and make sure you answer the whole question and not part of the question.
- Not taking my time or not knowing the answers from not studying.
- I didn't turn something in. Turn your stuff in.
- I lost track of one assignment and didn't notice until it was one day late

### *On-Line Anytime*

- Do not delay completing all assignments until the last minute.
- If there are any difficulties don't hesitate to ask the instructor for help.
- If I got a bad grade in any class it was usually because I didn't turn stuff in on time and then I was embarrassed to reach out to professors. If you feel like you are stuck or won't get something turned in on time, reach out to your professors. Most of the time they will give you extra time and help clear things up.
- Keep track of things and know what your problems are like and what causes you to backslide. If you know what your problems are, then you can target them. The first step is admitting you need help, it seems hard, but it actually is a breath of fresh air when you do ask for help, you will be surprised of the outcomes (in a really good way).
- Avoid to do not read all class materials, take assignments and test after due time

## **Final words of encouragement you can share peer to peer**

### *In Person*

- SDV is not a light class. You have to do a good amount of work for a one credit class but it is worth it. As an older student taking this class, it has helped me to learn or relearn material needed to be successful in college. It is a short course but make the most of it, do your assignments and have fun. I am really enjoying this class.
- Keep your head on the prize and give your best at anything you do.
- Pay attention always
- Class is useful, pay attention.
- The homework isn't too bad, just get it done on time and it should be fine.

### *On-Line Anytime*

- Always believe in your goals and strive to achieve them.
- Try your best, remember to give yourself breaks, get some relaxation, get yourself motivated, and never be afraid to reach out for help. You can do it!
- Set a schedule, read class materials, ask questions, and take time to rest.