

**POLK STATE COLLEGE**  
**SLS 1101 COLLEGE SUCCESS**

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**CREDIT HOURS, PREREQUISITES, AND COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

3 hours Lecture, 3 credits

Students develop and improve academic skills including active listening, college-level reading, note taking, test taking, and library use, as well as memory/recall techniques and the use of college resources. Students discover their individual learning styles and determine how to adjust their methods of learning for greater success. Variables such as health, finances, relationships, and attitudes that may either interfere with or enhance academic success are also analyzed.

**PSC MISSION AND CORE OBJECTIVES:** Polk State College is a quality-driven educational institution, providing access to affordable associate and baccalaureate degrees, career certificates, and workforce development programs, delivered by diverse, qualified faculty and staff who are committed to student learning and achievement through the consistent practice of collaboration and focus on excellence. In line with this purpose, PSC's general education develops competence in the areas of 1) Communication, 2) Critical Thinking, 3) Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning, 4) Information Literacy, 5) Diversity, 6) Culture, 7) Ethics and 8) Social Responsibility. Please see the PSC catalog for complete descriptions of these outcomes. A primary focus of this course is competence related to the areas of:

**1. Communication**

Demonstrate the ability to read, write, speak, and listen effectively, utilizing standard English

**2. Critical Thinking**

Demonstrate the ability to reflect on, analyze, synthesize, and apply information through problem solving

**4. Information Literacy**

Demonstrate the ability to access, evaluate, incorporate, organize, and document information

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Design an individual study plan for English, math, and science courses. (2)
2. List lifestyle changes that will contribute to success in college. (2)
3. Demonstrate the ability to access information through basic library resources. (1, 4)
4. Demonstrate the ability to solve problems by accessing college resources. (2, 4)

**TEXTBOOK AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** For textbook information, visit the campus bookstore, the bookstore website at [www.efollett.com](http://www.efollett.com), or see the course syllabus.

**COURSE CONTENT:** goal setting, time management, notetaking, reading strategies, individual learning styles, active learning, memory techniques, test-taking strategies, lifestyle issues related to college success, techniques for studying English, science, and math, college resources, and an introduction to research tools.

**METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:** These will vary according to course objectives, student learning needs, and instructional style.

**WRITING REQUIREMENT (THE GORDON RULE):** The "Gordon Rule", State Rule 6A-10.30, requires A.A. students to complete six semester hours of English and six semester hours of additional courses in which the student must demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments. Because PSC uses a "Writing Across the Curriculum" approach to meeting the writing requirement, in addition to the required composition courses, any of the required social sciences and humanities courses will fulfill the writing requirement. This is not a Gordon rule writing course, but it may include writing assignments as part of course requirements.

**STUDENT HELP:** The instructor is available for help during posted hours and by appointment during other non-class hours. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from the instructor. To further the educational process, the Teaching/Learning/Computing/Center (TLCC) provides qualified staff and up-to-date equipment and facilities to promote student academic success by providing tutoring services, computing resources, and other instructional support. TLCC hours of operation and tutor schedules are posted in the TLCCs and available on PSC's website at: [www.polk.edu/it/tlcc](http://www.polk.edu/it/tlcc)

**WITHDRAWAL:** Students may officially withdraw from course(s) during any given term provided the appropriate policy and procedure is followed. Following the conclusion of the Drop/Add period, the student may officially withdraw without penalty from any credit course provided the appropriate forms are submitted to Student Services no later than the deadline published in the term schedule booklet. (The published deadline reflects the 70% point in the course based upon the course's scheduled duration.) It is the student's responsibility to submit these withdrawal forms. Failure to do so may result in an "F" in the course. By State rule students are not allowed to withdraw from the third course attempt. If students stop attending class after the deadline, or any time during the third attempt, a grade other than a "W" is assigned and posted. Students cannot use course withdrawal to avoid academic dishonesty penalties. Students who have been penalized for academic dishonesty in a course are not eligible to withdraw from the course.

**REPEATING A COURSE:** Under the Forgiveness Policy, a student is allowed three attempts in any one college credit course: one initial enrollment and two repeats. A course cannot be repeated unless the previously earned grade is a "D," "F," or "W" (see college catalog for details). Students are not allowed to withdraw from their third course attempt. If students stop attending class, a grade other than a "W" is assigned and posted.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Students are responsible for their own work. It is assumed that each student is honest and will abide by that standard. However, in the event there is an indication or suspicion that there has been a case of cheating/plagiarism, the situation will be dealt with in accordance with published College policy. Copies of this policy are available in Student Services offices.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESS/USE POLICY:** All individuals who employ information technology resources provided by Polk State College (this includes, but is not limited to telephones, computers, the PSC local area and wide area networks, and the Internet) must use these resources for academic purposes only. Use of these resources is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use can result in revocation or suspension of this privilege. To read PSC's Virus Damage Policy, go to <http://www.polk.edu/instruct/vp.htm>.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** If you are a student with a disability and will need special accommodations or auxiliary aids under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please contact the Coordinator of Academic Advising in Student Services on the Lakeland Campus (863) 297-1000 Ext. 6107 or the Winter Haven Campus (863) 297-1000 Ext. 5227.

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT:** None.

**EXIT REQUIREMENT:** A minimum grade of “D” is required to successfully complete this class. The final course grade will be determined from a combination of the following activities:

**EVALUATIVE CRITERIA:**

College Success Portfolio 20% Unit tests 60% Classwork, homework, and participation 20%

**GRADING SCALE:**

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 65 – 69

F = 0 – 64