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## **General Syllabus**

### **SAS 0203 On Course For Success**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: None

Corequisite: READ 0513 Critical Thinking through Reading, ENGL 0163 Introduction to Writing, and either MATH 0233 Beginning Algebra OR MATH 0304 Beginning and Intermediate Algebra.

Effective Catalog: 2015-2016

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description**

Students who successfully complete this course will develop the skills necessary for success in college and in life.

##### **B. Additional Information**

On Course for Success is required for those students who place into developmental classes in all three subject areas – Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Differentiate between internal and external factors that govern their choices.
2. Set personally meaningful short- and long-term goals and develop a realistic plan for achieving them.
3. Develop a plan for effectively managing their time.
4. Work effectively with others to complete tasks.
5. Explain how personal behaviors, beliefs, and attitudes affect their ability to succeed.
6. Examine their own strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan for improving upon their weaknesses.
7. Employ critical thinking skills to solve problems.
8. Demonstrate the effective use of study strategies.
9. Demonstrate the ability to use technology as an aid to learning.

10. Utilize campus resources.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

On Course for Success introduces and reinforces student skills in the following areas:

**Analytical Skills**

Students will use critical thinking skills to analyze problems based on case studies and personal experience and reach logical and possible solutions.

**Communication Skills**

Students will participate in small group and class discussions concerning various issues. Students will complete a variety of formal and informal writing assignments.

**Ethics**

Students will discuss various case studies based on ethical questions. Students will examine their own values and beliefs.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Accepting greater personal responsibility
- B. Discovering self-motivation
- C. Mastering effective self-management strategies
- D. Developing mutually supportive relationships
- E. Changing self-defeating habit patterns and limiting beliefs
- F. Becoming a lifelong learner
- G. Developing emotional intelligence
- H. Raising self-esteem
- I. Learning effective study strategies
- J. Developing critical and creative thinking skills
- K. Using technology to aid learning