

# Realistic Expectations

What should you expect when you start your college education?

- Plan to use at least 2-3 hours per credit hour in class for study time. For example, a student carrying 12 credit hours should expect to spend 24-36 hours outside of class for study. This varies according to class difficulty, but students should expect to spend no less than 2 hours per credit hour for outside studying.
- Remember that college is challenging. Prioritize your tasks. You are preparing for a rewarding career and life.
- Expect to read and write a lot, especially for humanities and social science courses.
- Most of the factors that will determine your success in college are within your control. Factors such as setting reasonable goals, time management skills, your motivation, etc., cannot be determined by anyone but you.
- Assess yourself on preparedness for taking online courses. Follow this link online to answer some questions that will help you to assess your readiness to take online courses. [http://www.eosc.edu/academic/webct/webct\\_right\\_for\\_me.html](http://www.eosc.edu/academic/webct/webct_right_for_me.html)

## **Important Dates To Remember Each Semester**

- Classes Begin
- Drop/Add Period
- Late Drop Period
- Late Drop Deadline
- Withdrawal Deadline
- Classes End

Online link to the EOSC calendar:

[http://www.eosc.edu/calendar/calendar\\_2010\\_2011.html](http://www.eosc.edu/calendar/calendar_2010_2011.html)