UNIV 1202: Becoming Active Learners  
(Special section for Math 1113 Students)  
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Course Instructor Information
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Course Meeting Information
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Location: MLC 267

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Course Description

Students will develop skills to be successful active learners within a variety of instructional modalities. Students will learn to engage peers and instructors; embrace collaborative learning and study groups; reflect on their progress and strategies; and, adapt based on self-reflection and results. This section of UNIV 1202 will fuse these topics with the curriculum of Math 1113 to help students develop the skills they need to successfully complete Math 1113 this semester.
Learning Objectives
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1.) capitalize on a personal understanding of the culture and expectations of higher education, particularly those of a research university

2.) engage in self-motivation practices to maintain interest in academic content given common instructional modalities in college (lecture, online, seminar, etc.)

3.) maintain behavioral, psychological, and affective engagement in common educational delivery modalities (small and large-group discussion, game-based learning environments, student-led seminars, etc.).

4.) engage active learning strategies conducive to success in specific content-courses.

5.) thrive in out-of-class active learning strategies conducive to success in specific content-courses (group projects, case studies, etc.)

Assignments and Projects
Class participation: (attendance, participation in group discussions, and group work)       40%

In-class assignments:           40%

Self-reflection assignment          20%

Grading Scale: 90-100 A, 86-89 B+, 80-85 B, 76-79 C+, 70-75 C, 66-69 D+, 60-65 D

Note Regarding In-class Assignments: Class attendance and participation is extremely important. Not only will we be covering topics to increase your success at becoming a more active learner but also we will be closely following the topics in Math 1113. We will be introducing ideas and strategies to help you better learn the topics from Math 1113 while using examples from the curriculum of 1113.

Course Materials
You should have a notebook for this class or at least a section of your Math 1113 notebook designated for this class. You should bring your notes from 1113 as well as your calculator to class each meeting
Course Policies

A primary purpose of this course is to encourage critical thinking, perseverance through trials, and the ceaseless pursuit of excellence in all undertakings to the very best of one’s ability. In this spirit, if at any time you do not know the answer to a question, ask. Always try. Partial credit on assignments may be granted for effort. Also please be considerate of the students around you and do not use your technology for anything non course related during class time. Checking text messages or email or working on other assignments during class is very distractive to your fellow classmates.

Participation Policy

Please note that participation credit is earned by attentive involvement in class events. Whether through written or oral reflections on course material, this portion of the grade will steadily increase your comprehension of material. If you have to miss a class please let me know as soon as possible so that I can get you any missed handouts or let you know of any in-class announcements.

In the event that the university cancels classes, such as for severe weather, students are expected to continue with readings as originally scheduled. Any assignments scheduled during those missed classes, such as a project or paper, are due at the next class meeting unless other instructions are communicated via email.

Disability Statement

If you anticipate issues related to the format or requirements of this course, please meet with me. I would like us to discuss ways to ensure your full participation in the course. If you determine that formal, disability-related accommodations are necessary, it is very important that you be registered with the Disability Resource Center (Voice: 706-542-8719 or TTY: 706-542-8778) and notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. We can then plan how best to coordinate your accommodations.

Academic Honesty Policy

As a University of Georgia student, you have agreed to abide by the University’s academic honesty policy, “A Culture of Honesty,” and the Student Honor Code. All academic work must meet the standards described in “A Culture of Honesty” found at: https://ovpi.uga.edu/academic-honesty/academic-honesty-policy. Lack of knowledge of the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. Questions related to course assignments and the academic honesty policy should be directed to the instructor.

Diversity and Inclusion Statement

In this classroom, you will be treated with respect, and I welcome individuals of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, national origins, religious affiliations, sexual orientations, ability – and other visible and nonvisible differences. All members of this class are expected to contribute to a respectful, welcoming and inclusive environment for every other member of the class. (Source: modified from https://docs.asee.org/public/LGBTQ/Diversity_Statement.pdf)
Announcements Policy
I will make most announcements in class; I will send others to your UGA email. You are responsible for the content of all announcements, even if you miss class or fail to check your UGA email.

FERPA Notice
The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) grants students certain information privacy rights. See the registrar’s explanation at http://apps.reg.uga.edu/FERPA/

Course Evaluations
I encourage you to complete the online evaluation near the end of the semester. Student evaluations of teaching are used by university administrators to evaluate instructional faculty. I also take your feedback seriously; note that it is delivered anonymously and is not visible to me until after I have submitted all final course grades.

Office of Student Care and Outreach
If you have a personal crisis during the semester, you will want to contact the Office of Student Care and Outreach so that they can support you: http://sco.uga.edu/sco/services-students

Other Division Resources
From peer tutoring through the Academic Resource Center to Academic Coaching to Student Success Workshops and more, the Division is committed to the success of all students at the University of Georgia. For more on these and other resources, visit https://dae.uga.edu.

Course Outline:
The schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, by mutual agreement, and/or to ensure better student learning.

The topics listed below will presented with the goal of helping students become better more active learners. We will spend some class time each meeting on these topics. The rest of the class time will be devoted to helping the students better understand the material from Math 1113 so that they can successfully complete the course. Hopefully the students will begin to understand that the metacognitive topics covered and strategies presented will help them become better overall learners and not just help them with Math 1113.

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Note: The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.