



Successful Strategies in the Classroom

- ✓ **Sit in the front of the classroom:** This helps you focus on what the professor is saying without distractions. Professors also often take notice of those students who are in front!
- ✓ **Show up for ALL your classes on time:** The more you attend class, the higher your grade will be. Arriving late to class is often frustrating for the professor and distracting to the whole class.
- ✓ **Listen attentively:** Selectively record those main points and the important statements. Don't just write everything down.
- ✓ **Take careful and effective notes in class:** Rewrite and combine your study and lecture notes in one outline, put it all in your own words. This will help you to retain the information.
- ✓ **Clarify what you don't understand:** Use question marks and blank spaces whenever you miss information or feel you have left something out. Compare notes with your classmates, use your textbook to supplement notes, visit the professor to help bring clarity.
- ✓ **Don't be afraid to ask questions:** This is the most effective way to learn. If you are unclear about something, ask your professor before s/he moves on. Professors always like these questions!
- ✓ **Be responsible with submitting assignments:** Turning in assignments on time, enables you an opportunity to receive the maximum credits possible. Even consider turning in assignments early! That way you may have an opportunity to rewrite or correct any errors.
- ✓ **Be proactive in getting help!** *To help ensure your academic and personal success and to overcome anything causing you difficulty, please visit the Office of Retention Services located in McFarland 208A, call 701-845-7306 or email Nadja.johnson@vcsu.edu if you need assistance with anything throughout your VCSU experience.*