Tips for Academic Success

Study Time

When planning your semester, it is important to allow for adequate study time per week. When deciding how much time to study for a course, consider this rule of thumb:

- Study 3 HOURS or more for every hour in class for an A
- Study 2 HOURS for every hour in class for a B
- Study 1 HOUR for every hour in class for a C

What is your goal for each course?

Work Schedule

Consider your work schedule when deciding on the number of courses to take in a semester. How many hours per week do you work?

- How many courses are recommended you take per semester if you are working?

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For Example:

One Course = 3 Credits (3 hours)

3 hours in class per week
+ 9 hours of study
(3 x the number of credits)
= 12 hours per week

Four Courses = 12 Credits (12 hours)
12 hours in class per week
+ 36 hours of study
(3 x the number of credits)
= 48 hours of study per week

Delaware County Community College has a variety of programs that can help you achieve your academic goals. Don't hesitate to make use of these helpful opportunities (check dccc.edu under "Student Success" for details), including:

- ACE: Academy for College Excellence
- Act 101
- College Planning
- Counseling Services
- Learning Resource Centers
- Tutoring
- Veterans Services