



6 WAYS TO USE YOUR SYLLABUS FOR SUCCESS

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USE IT LIKE A SHOPPING LIST

The syllabus lists required text, readers, and other materials like i>clickers. To really excel, consider the optional reading as well.

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USE IT LIKE A TUTOR

The syllabus lists office hours and academic support services, like the Student Learning Center (SLC) adjunct courses and study groups. Use the resources.

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USE IT LIKE A CONTRACT

Your professor describes what students are required to do in order to be successful. Carefully read the syllabus for clues as to what s/he expects.

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USE IT LIKE A CALENDAR

Your syllabus contains the important due dates for exams, assignments, papers, and problem sets. Add the dates to your calendar to plan your semester. Set personal deadlines to avoid procrastination and manage your workload.

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USE IT LIKE A MAP

Check your syllabus before each class for reading assignments and to preview the topic before lecture. Understand the key learning objectives for each week, and visit office hours for clarification.

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USE IT LIKE A RULE BOOK

Your syllabus lists the policies around academic integrity including citation and working together. Ask questions about the policies if they aren't clear.