



Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs

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Helping English Language Learners Be Successful

A conversation often heard in the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Program surrounds the difficulty in teaching students who are English Language Learners (ELL). The literature on the subject illustrates that faculty must utilize out of the box thinking when it comes to teaching this population of students. For instance, are you aware that most ELL students are knowledgeable in the metric not the standard method of measuring? Might this affect their math skills? Many are not familiar with the “exceptions to the rules” in grammar. Might this affect their ability to write and read material in English? Concepts

which are used in social science classes might not have a parallel meaning in their native language... concepts like privacy and free will. Might this affect their success in understanding sociology or political science?

A website devoted to teaching ELL is available at everythingesl.net. This website has a plethora of teaching tips to help all educators (K-Higher Ed.) work with ELL students so that they may be successful in our English spoken classrooms.

Upcoming Workshops

The Office of Academic Affairs is offering a full spectrum of workshops in October to help you in your courses and to help create greater student success:

Designing Your Course to Promote Academic Integrity
 Wednesday, October 8, 4-5pm
 Thursday, October 9, 9-10am
 Zahnow 303

Civic Management: Learning for the Public Good
 Wednesday, October 15, Noon-1pm
 Emeriti Room

Classroom Management
 Thursday, October 16, 6-7:30pm
 Curtiss 157

To register for workshops visit www.svsu.edu/workshops. This will help keep track of who is attending each workshop and ensure you receive your \$25 compensation. The Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs are listed under Academic Affairs.

Travel Compensation

For those of you who live 50 miles or more from campus, your October 17 check should contain the mileage stipend as specified in your contract. To review, if you live 50-75 miles from campus your stipend should be \$375.00/course. If you live 76 or more miles from campus your stipend should be \$500.00/course.



Mid-term Reality Check

Now that we are beginning to approach mid-term (does that seem possible?), we thought you might want to have an activity to share with your students so they to make certain they are on target with their learning goals in your class. This activity is intended to make them responsible for their own behavior and choices as self-directed learners and to enable them to redirect their efforts if they are off track so they can be successful.

To begin, create a worksheet which lists the following questions. Then give your students some time to reflect upon and answer each question.

How are you doing in your courses and how closely do the expectations you held for your classes match the reality of your course success?

Are you doing as well as you thought you would?

Have you been attending classes and paying attention?

Are you up-to-date with your reading, homework assignments, test preparedness, etc.?

How are your grades? Are you doing as well as you would like?

Have you been employing appropriate time management skills?

Are you organized so that you can get all of the important things accomplished?

What activities do you want to continue with and what would you change so that you can be successful.

During the rest of the semester you might often want to refer back to the “Mid-term Reality Check” to make certain your students are following their path to success. Sometimes a small nudge in thinking and direction can help the ailing student succeed.

Adapted from:
www.oncourseworkshop.com/management007.htm

Make-up Exams

The Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs is offering make up exam periods for the students of adjunct faculty every Thursday from 4-6pm and every Friday from 1-4pm in *Science East 223*. Instructors can drop off exams in the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs in Science East 201 or email exams to adjunct@svsu.edu. Each exam will have attached to it a yellow sheet with the student’s name, instructor’s name, course title, date it must be taken by, and any other information or restrictions. If you drop off the exam, please make sure to fill out a yellow form. If you email the exam, please provide this information in the email. Students should be directed to show up to the testing room in *Science East 223*, not in Science East 201. The testing room is not equipped with computers for students to use during testing. Alternative arrangements are not available through our office. Please make sure students know the instructor’s name and know to bring a pen or pencil. Instructors must pick up exams when they are done. We will not send them through the mail.

