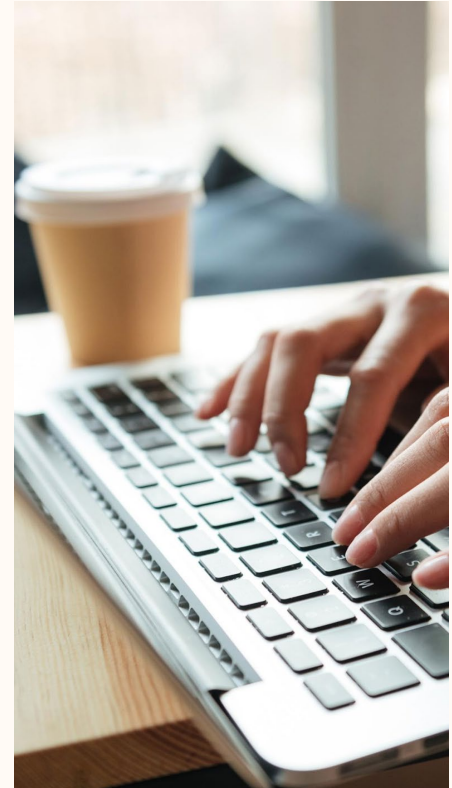# MyLearningCoach

Learning Strategies for Online Learning

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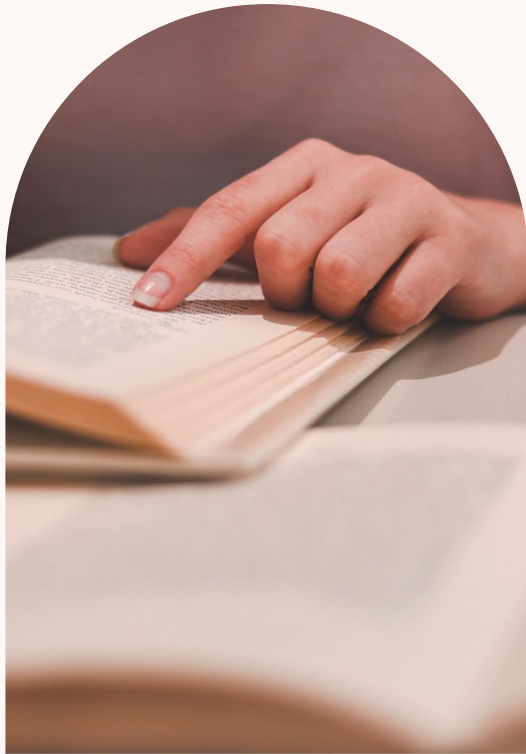
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Session Overview

- Session #1: Self-Management

- Session #2: Time Management and Organization

- Session #3: Note taking strategies

- Session #4: Test Preparation and Performance

- Session #5: Reading Strategies

- **Session #6: Writing Strategies**

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Writing Strategies

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Simplified Writing Process

1. **Understand** assignment instructions
2. **Create an Outline** while breaking down the assignment
3. **Plan** out the approach to complete the assignment
4. **Develop** ideas
5. **Write** assignment
6. **Revise** assignment
7. **Repeat and Reflect**

Understand Assignment Instructions

Familiarize yourself with the Course

- Learning Objectives
- Types of Assessments
- Grading Distribution
- Resources
- Contract Date

Familiarize yourself with the Assignment

- Assignment overview/instructions
- Understanding of Topic, Structure and Requirements
- Assignment Form and Worth
- Grading Criteria
- Tasks Required to Complete Assignment
- Resources Needed
- Due Date

Create an Outline

- Create an outline while clarifying assignment instructions

- Gather all the information required (understand assignment instructions) in one document

- Create sections (and naturally chunk assignment into manageable parts)

- Sort the information gathered (quotes, ideas, notes, key phrases, concepts, examples etc)

- Evolves and changes as you complete the assignment

Suggested Scaffolds
- Grading Criteria
- Outline Creation
- Sample Assignment

Plan

- **Time Management and Organization**
    - Utilize strategies that work for you
    - Start Early

- **Chunk the Assignment**
    -reading, research, writing, revision etc

- **Brainstorm**

<u>**Suggested Scaffolds**</u>
- Assignment Calculator
- Term at a Glance
- Pomodoro
- Inspiration/ Mind Map
- Plan with a friend, tutor, classmate
- Write Site
- Library Staff
- Speech-Text

Develop

- **Topic:** Clearly state what you will write about

- **Position/Thesis:** Determine this and make it clear

- **Gather Sources/Resources:** Identify any secondary sources you may require

- **Reading and Extract:** Read and extract information required from readings

- **Reference/Cite:** Gather this information as you read and write

Suggested Scaffolds
- Citation Guide
- Template to gather research
- Thesis Generator Tool
- Essay Jack
- Sample Assignment
- Voice Memo App
- Journal

Write

- Work on one 'chunk' at a time

- Use key words and clues from the assignment description/criteria in your writing.

- Reword the essay question

- Follow and adapt the outline created

Suggested Scaffolds
- Citation Guide
- Template to gather research
- Thesis Generator Tool
- Essay Jack
- Sample Assignment
- Dictionary/Thesaurus
- Grammarly
- Tutor/Strategist/LearningCoach
- Critical Friend/Classmate

Revise

- Check for **coherence** (does the paper make sense?)
  - Thesis statement
  - Body paragraphs
  - Conclusion
  - Refer back to assignment criteria if needed

- Check the **presentation** (does it look academic?)
  - check citation style, formatting etc

- Check for **grammar/sentence structure**
- Check **criteria**

Suggested Scaffolds
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Repeat and Reflect

- Repeat all steps as necessary

- Reflect as you progress and make changes

<u>Suggested Scaffolds</u>
- Tutor/Strategist/LearningCoach
- Write Site
- Reflection Document
- Critical Friend/Classmate

Demo

Session #: Writing Strategies Take-Away Task

Reflect on your current Writing Process.

- What is working well?

- What could use some adjustment?

What can you do to improve your Writing Process? Make a goal to implement it into your next term.

Goal Setting/Reflection

- Build the selected reading strategy/tool into your term goal(s)

- **Long Term Goal:**

- **Short Term Goals:**

My Goal Setting

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MY LONG TERM GOAL IS:

Break down your goal into short term goals:

Short Term Goal 1	Short Term Goal 2	Short Term Goal 3

Action Steps: Action Steps: Action Steps:

Question Time?!