

Langara Student Success Course – Snapshot

WHAT IS IT?

Since 2016, the Langara Student Success Course (LSSC) has been delivered to students completely online through a learning management system called Brightspace. The primary goals of the LSSC are to strengthen and enhance the students' skills for academic life at Langara, and to introduce them to key resources and opportunities available. Over 14,000 students have connected with the course in the past 4 years. All new students are automatically registered each semester and returning students have the option to self-register into this free online course.

COURSE DELIVERY

The LSSC uses a multimodal learning environment that incorporates text, video, images, comics, and interactive polls with real-time results, self-assessments, quizzes, and other tools. The course is housed completely online on the Brightspace platform, exposing students to the same online learning management system as for their academic work. Optional virtual office hours are offered to LSSC students through Zoom on a weekly basis.

COMPONENTS OF SUCCESS

These 3 components lay the foundation on which the course is presented. They are integral to student success. Students are encouraged to practice these throughout the course so that they become a part of their study habits and future success.

Self-regulated Learning	Grit	Growth mindset
		

COVID-19

In response to Covid-19 and the transition to online instruction, the LSSC now includes tips, strategies and resources for student success in the online environment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- apply self-regulated learning strategies
- explain how mindset and grit impact academic success
- identify expectations in a variety of learning environments
- apply organizational and time management skills
- communicate effectively and appropriately with instructors and other students
- make informed decisions about a course of study based on academic standing
- study effectively
- define plagiarism and access resources on campus
- recognize the complexity of communication across diverse cultures
- apply strategies to improve intercultural communication

“ The part about doing some of your work ahead of time, I never thought about that but it would be a great way to be less stressed and give myself more time to ask the teacher questions about homework.”

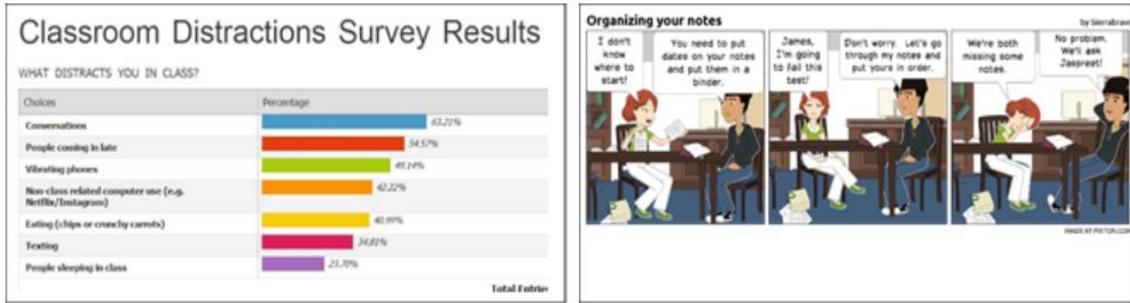
- Biology student

CURRENT MODULES

1. Preparing for Academic Success
2. Understanding Classroom Expectations
3. Communicating with your Instructors
4. Managing Your Time
5. Developing Intercultural Skills for a Diverse Campus
6. Succeeding on Tests and Exams
7. What You Need to Know About Plagiarism
8. The ABCs (& FNWs) of Academic Standing

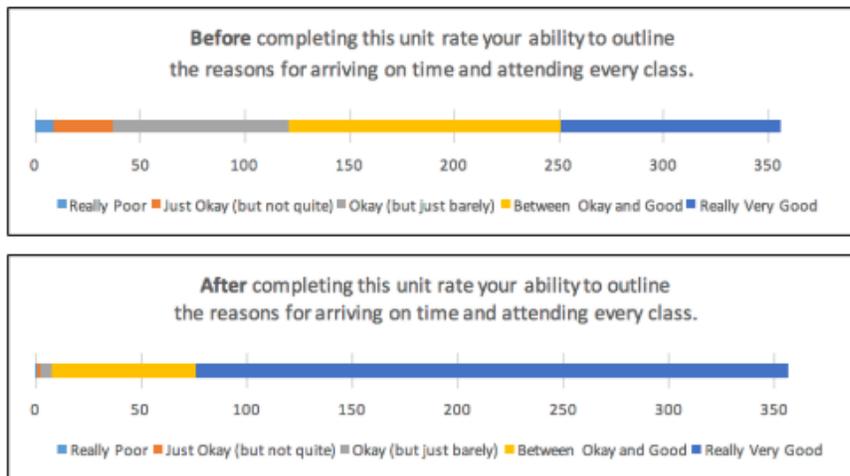
KEY FEATURES TO PROMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND LEARNING

Interactive polls with instant results and custom-designed comics.



STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON LEARNING

Following each unit, using a Likert scale from **1 = Really Poor** to **5 = Really Very Good**, students assessed their abilities to perform learning outcomes before and after completing the unit. Overall, students believed they had a marked increase in each outcome.



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