

Why Try? Life Skills for Student Success (RES-041-T001)

Syllabus

Course Learning Outcomes

When you successfully complete this course, you will be able to

1. understand the extent to which you can control the circumstances, outcomes, and emotions that affect you.
2. identify personal challenges, and learn methods of turning them into a motivator for additional opportunity, freedom, and self-respect.
3. describe each of WhyTry's visual metaphors and the concepts that they teach.

Course Materials

All the materials you need are supplied in the course.

Assignments

Journal Assignments

After lesson 1, each lesson includes a prompt for your journal—a question or statement to get you thinking about what you have learned and how to apply it to your own life. You will submit your journal entries online for grading, but they are personal to you. No one but you and the instructor will read them.

Sharing Sessions

This course includes sharing sessions during which you will submit a 2 paragraph description of the Visual Metaphor for each lesson.

These essays strengthen what you have learned in the lesson and will help you be better prepared for the assignments and the final exam. In addition, participating in these essays will help you pace yourself through the course so that you will finish on time.

These do not need to be completed in order and you can start with the current Session according to the weekly schedule.

Discussion Board Assignments

You will also participate in a discussion-board forum for each lesson, posting your thoughts on the lesson and ideas for your classmates and reading their responses.

Lesson Quizzes

There is a quiz at the end of each lesson that tests your knowledge of the metaphors, ideas, and information in the lesson. These quizzes include fill-in-the-blank, multiple-choice, and matching questions.

Passion Presentation

This is your chance to show, tell, and share what motivates you! Create a project that expresses what motivates you and what you are excited and passionate about.

Due to the interactive assignments required in this course, you should not expect to complete this course in less than two months.

Exams

At the end of the course, you will take the final exam. It includes 33 questions and covers the concepts, ideas, visual metaphors, and information you learn in the course. *You must pass the final exam to earn credit for the course.*

Grading

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Assignment	Value
12 Journal Assignments	16%
12 Sharing Sessions	33%
12 Discussion Board Assignments	16%
12 Lesson Quizzes	20%
1 Passion Presentation	5%
1 Final Exam	10%

Grade Scale

Your course grade will be based on these percentages:

Letter Grade	Percentage Range
A	100-95%
A-	94-90%
B+	89-85%
B	84-80%
B-	79-75%
C+	74-70%
C	69-65%
C-	64-60%
D+	59-56%
D	55-53%
D-	52-50%
E (fail)	49% or below