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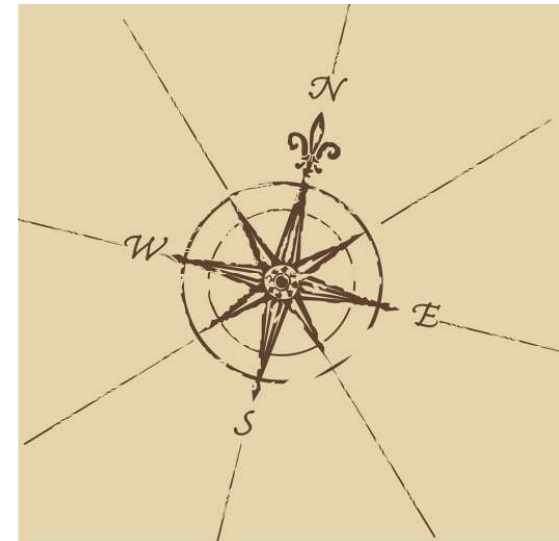
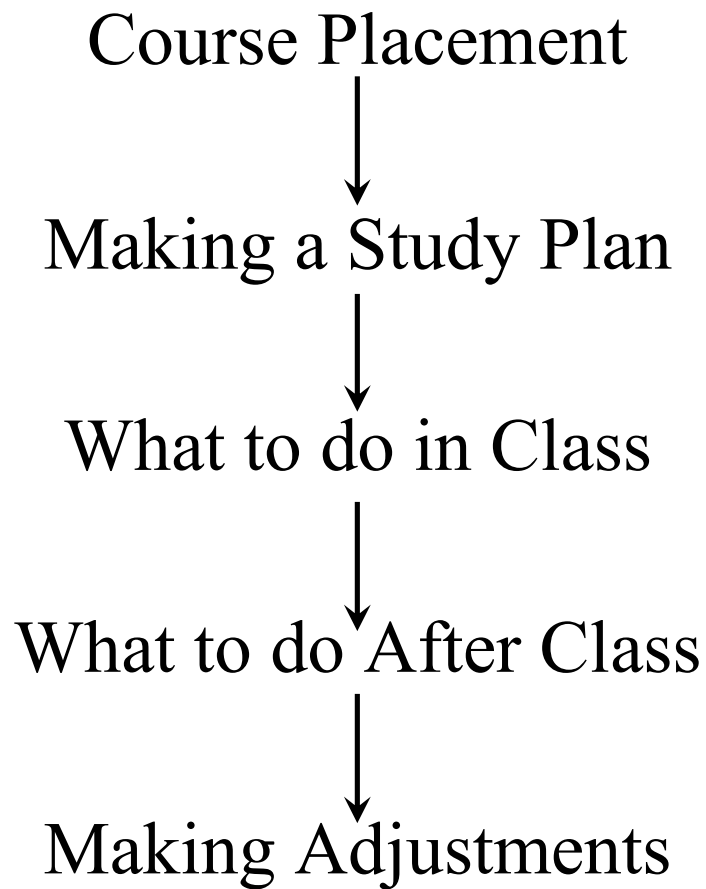
- *"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."*

~ Colin Powell

- Success is just like anything else. The more you practice it, the better you become at it.

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## □ Course Placement

- Being placed in a class that is above your skill level means you will struggle, and possibly even fail.
- Being placed in a class that is below your skill level means you will be bored.
- In either case, you will have wasted your time and money.

## □ CCA offers workshops, study guides, and online videos to help you prepare for the Accuplacer placement exam

[www.ccaurora.edu/students/academic/workshops.shtml](http://www.ccaurora.edu/students/academic/workshops.shtml)

# Study Skills – Making a Study Plan

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- How much should you study?
  - The rule is 2 hours outside of class for every hour in class.
  - Some classes may require more, and some may require less.
  - Study in smaller increments with short breaks rather than long blocks of time.



# Study Skills – Making a Study Plan

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- When should you study?
  - Morning, afternoon, evening?
  - Before work or after?
  - Weekdays or weekends?
  - After the kids go to bed?



- Decide when you are able to focus best.
  - You can also schedule your toughest classes when you are most able to focus



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- Where should you study?
  - Home
  - Library
  - Tutoring lab
  - Coffee shop
  
- Find a place that is comfortable and lacks distraction



# Study Skills – Making a Study Plan

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- How should you study?
  - in a group/by yourself
  - break large tasks into smaller parts
  - study your least favorite subject first
  - stand while you are studying
  - learn to pace yourself
  - reward yourself for completing a difficult task



# Study Skills – Making a Study Plan

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- What is your learning style?
  - Visual
    - graphs, flashcards, videos, etc.
  - Kinesthetic
    - hands-on activities, experiments
  - Auditory
    - Read textbook out loud, record lectures to listen at home

- Learning Styles Tests

- [www.berghuis.co.nz/abiator/lsi/lsitest1.html](http://www.berghuis.co.nz/abiator/lsi/lsitest1.html)
- [www.berghuis.co.nz/abiator/lsi/lsitest2.html](http://www.berghuis.co.nz/abiator/lsi/lsitest2.html)
- [www4.ncsu.edu/unity/lockers/users/f/felder/public/ILSpaage.html](http://www4.ncsu.edu/unity/lockers/users/f/felder/public/ILSpaage.html)



# Study Skills – What to do in class

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- Be prepared
  - come to class having already read the textbook
- Learn an efficient way to take notes
  - [sas.calpoly.edu/asc/ssl/notetakingsystem.doc](http://sas.calpoly.edu/asc/ssl/notetakingsystem.doc)
  - review your notes after class
- Listen with a purpose
  - listen for things that you have questions on
- Ask questions



# Study Skills – What to do after class

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- Follow the schedule
  - Keep up with the readings and assignments
  - Keep track of the questions that develop as you study
  
- Find help when you need it
  - Know the best way to contact your instructor
  
  - Family, friends and classmates may be able to help.
  
  - CCA provides free tutoring for Math, Writing Studio (English), Reading, ESL, Accounting, and Science.
  
  - More and more academic videos are showing up online ([video.google.com](http://video.google.com))
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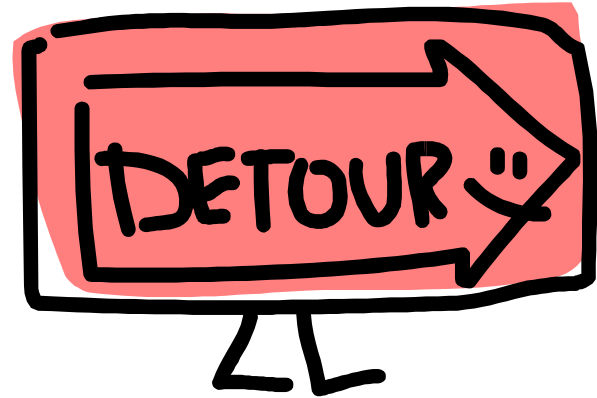


(<http://video.google.com/videosearch?q=comma+splice&sitesearch=#>)

# Study Skills – Making Adjustments

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- Decide week to week which of your classes need the most attention
  - Are there any...
    - tests or quizzes?
    - term papers?
    - major projects?
    - presentations?
  - How much homework/reading needs to be done?
  - Did you do poorly on an exam, and now you need to spend more time on that particular class?



# What should you expect from your teacher?

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- Your teacher should...
  - be passionate and knowledgeable about the subject
  - be prepared and on time to class everyday
  - set high standards for you
  - be respectful and interested in your learning
  - responsive to your emails, voice mails and questions.
  - follow the course syllabus



# What will your teacher will expect from you?

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- Your teacher should expect you to...
  - be an active participant in the class, even if you are not as passionate as they are
  - be prepared and on time to class everyday
  - have read the assignment and finished the homework
  - be respectful of others in the class





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- Never simply withdraw from a class.
  - Contact your teacher...there may be options that you are not aware of.
- Be sure to fill out the course evaluations at the end of the semester.
  - They are given to instructors after grades are posted.
  - They are read by department chairs!

# Find Yourself a Cheerleader

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- A college education is never accomplished by a single individual. It takes...
  - family
  - friends
  - teachers
  - Classmates



- Surround yourself with supportive people who care about your goal as much as you do