

Student Policies

The Marks for the Course are based on the following breakdown :

SCHOOL MARK: TERM ONE = 50% }
 TERM TWO = 50% } 80% of final course mark

PROVINCIAL FINAL EXAM = 20% of final course mark

The Marks for Each Term are based on the following breakdown :

Assignments (including labs) = 40%
Tests/Quizzes = 60%

All assignments have a DUE and DEAD DATE. This means the following :

All major assignments are assigned a DUE DATE. This is the day that the assignment is expected to be handed-in for marking.

All major assignments are assigned a DEAD DATE as well. Assignments not handed in by the DEAD DATE are given a ZERO as a mark. (Exceptions are made for valid reasons)

All assignments (big and small) will be provided with a fair amount of time during which they may be worked upon. Not all assignments, however, may be given class time. Therefore, it is your responsibility to use any class time offered wisely.

If absent, a parent/guardian is required to phone the school or write a note to be given to student services for the date(s) missed. Students need to bring a slip from student services to the teacher. You are then responsible for keeping up to speed with the work that you have missed.

If you are absent without a note you could be considered truant.

Taking into account the responsibility each student has for his/her own learning, students are encouraged to express any ideas regarding the course. Suggestions, constructive criticisms, personal grievances, positive statements and any other ideas will be considered provided they are sincere and expressed in a respectful manner. Please request a meeting to discuss your concerns or use my e-mail address dcolgur@shaw.ca or dcolgur@summer.com

Learning is fun. You just need the right attitude before you begin. Let's learn together.

Please be aware of the following policies. They are designed to maximize your learning and to keep the class running smoothly.

1. Food and drink are NOT allowed in the lab. It will be allowed in the classroom ON A TRIAL BASIS. If food is NOT a distraction and floors and tables are kept clean, we will continue to allow it. If there are problems, its use will be discontinued.

2. Music players (I-pods mp3 players etc.) and their earphones or headphones are NOT allowed to be in sight at all (even on the desks) during time that the teacher is giving instructions or the class is working on questions from the screen or if a test is being written! They may be used if a student is finished his/her work or is working on completing a project or worksheet on their own. When the teacher is ready to give instruction and gives the command to put away all players, this must be done IMMEDIATELY without question and without reminders. Cells phones are not to be visible or audible in class unless there is an emergency and the student has made an arrangement with the teacher.
3. Students are not allowed to interfere in any way when the teacher is giving instruction. Questions related to the material are encouraged, but unnecessary chatter is distracting to others and will not be tolerated.
4. Hats are NOT allowed to be worn in the classroom during class time. There should be no need for reminders!
5. When students are asked to take out a textbook, worksheet etc. or given any other instructions in the classroom or in the lab, they are expected to comply immediately, without the need of further reminders. Having to remind students wastes precious class time and will not be tolerated.
6. Students must come to class on time. Students more than two minutes late without a valid excuse will be given a detention.
7. Everyone must treat everyone else with respect and keep comments and language appropriate to the classroom setting.

The process for dealing with students who do not follow these guidelines will be as follows:

1. A short detention in which the teacher will talk to the student, going over the rules again and the reasons we have them. This will hopefully solve the problem. Details will be recorded by the teacher.
2. If the student should re-offend after talking to the teacher, parents or guardians will be notified and the problem discussed with them. Details will again be recorded by the teacher. Hopefully there will be no problem after this.
3. If the first two steps do not prove effective and the student persists in breaking rules, the student will be referred to the administration. Details of the first two steps will be provided to administration.

Behaviors like major disruptions, direct disobedience, fighting, rudeness or actions which would jeopardize the safety of others will result in an immediate referral to administration.

Be aware of our policies and have a great semester.