

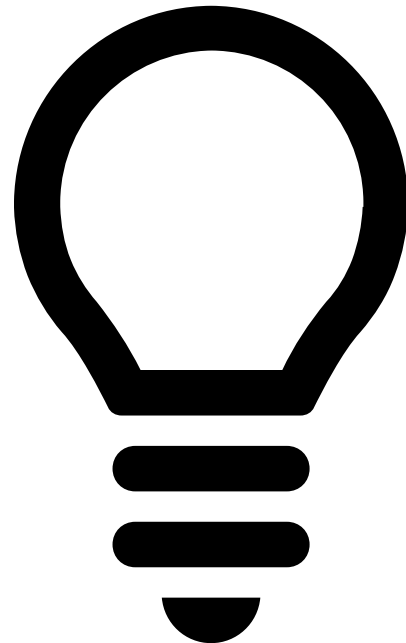
Success in the Classroom

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Tip #1:
Read Your Course Outline





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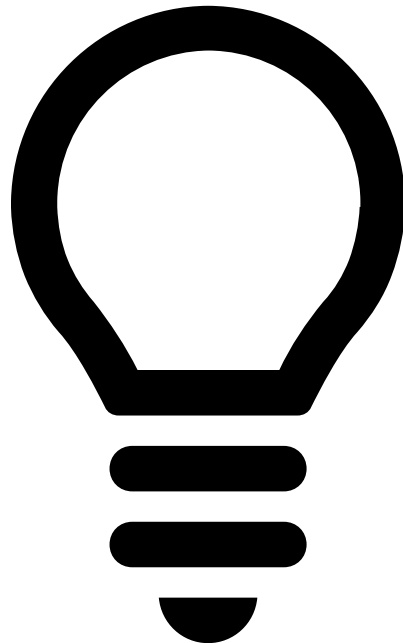


What is a course outline?

- Contract
- Expectations
- Learning Outcomes
- Schedule



Tip #2:
Map the Big Picture



Mapping the Big Picture

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	X					
			Monday Test 1 (20%)	English Module Test 1 (20%)		
	Week Assignment 1 (20%)	Psychology Paper 1 Revision (20%)				
	Notes: Psychology - 40% Psychology - 20% English - 40% Module - 20%					

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					English Paper 1 (20%)	
	Psychology Paper 1					
	Week Assignment 2 (20%)	Psychology Paper 2 (20%)	Monday Test 2 (20%)	English Module Test 2 (20%)		
					Psychology Paper 2 Revision (20%)	
	Notes: Psychology - 40% Psychology - 20% English - 40% Module - 20%					

December

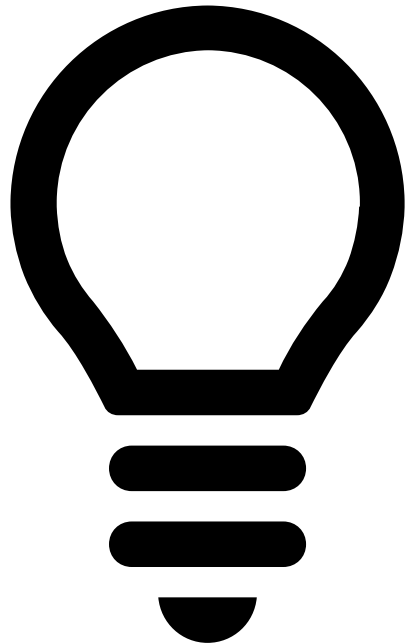
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			English Module Test 3 (20%)			
		Psychology Paper 2 Revision (20%)				
	Notes: Psychology - 40% Psychology - 20% English - 40% Module - 20%					

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Monday Test 1 (20%)	English Module Test 1 (20%)	English Assignment 1 (20%)	
	X	Psychology Paper 1 Revision (20%)				
			Week Assignment 1 (20%)	English Module Test 2 (20%)		
	Week Assignment 2 (20%)	Psychology Paper 2 Revision (20%)	Monday Test 2 (20%)			
	Notes: Psychology - 40% Psychology - 20% English - 40% Module - 20%					



Tip #3: Understand Expectations (Assignments)



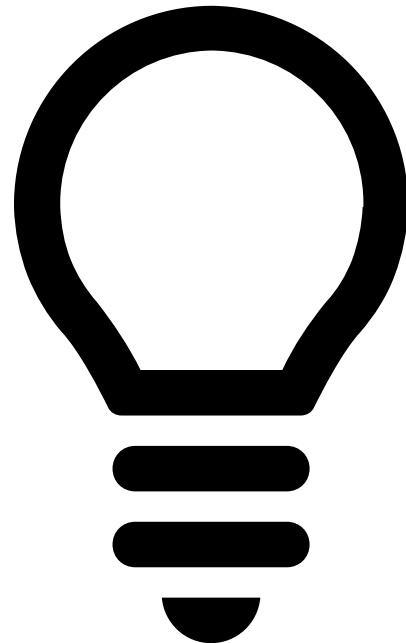
Assignment: _____

COURSE: _____

AT A GLANCE				NOTES:						
Due Date		Value								
# Resources Required		% Final Grade								
Length		Citation Style								
Format										
Other										
AUDIENCE				TO DO		TIME Est.	Resources			
Who is the target audience?						<table border="1"> <tr><td>Scheduled</td></tr> <tr><td>Completed</td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table>	Scheduled	Completed		
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PURPOSE	TO DO	TIME Est.	Resources			
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What information is the professor looking for?		<table border="1"> <tr><td>Scheduled</td></tr> <tr><td>Completed</td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table>	Scheduled	Completed		
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How does this assignment fit into the course overall?		<table border="1"> <tr><td>Scheduled</td></tr> <tr><td>Completed</td></tr> <tr><td> </td></tr> </table>	Scheduled	Completed		
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MSVU Writing Guide:	https://libguides.msvu.ca/?b=g&d=a					
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Tip #4: Ask for Help



Student Services at MSVU

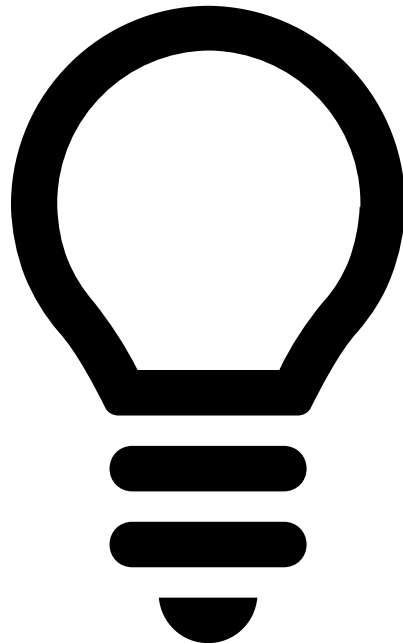
- Accessibility Services
- Career Services
- Counselling Services
- Learning Strategist
- Mount Mentors & Mount 101
- Writing Centre

All of these services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL



<p>Accessibility Services Library, lower level, room 141 902.457.6567 accessibilityservices@msvu.ca</p>	<p>Our team supports over 500 students by promoting self-advocacy and an equitable learning environment. Some examples of disabilities we support include physical and learning disabilities, medical conditions, vision and hearing loss, ADHD, and mental health.</p>
<p>Art Gallery Seton 209 902.457.6160 art.gallery@msvu.ca</p>	<p>MSVU Art Gallery is a public exhibition space for visual art. The Art Gallery takes care of the University's art collection (seen around campus), and organizes exhibitions and public programs to connect the Mount Community with visual art and artists.</p>
<p>Athletics & Recreation Rosaria 227 902.457.6420 mount.fitness@msvu.ca</p>	<p>Home to the Mount Mystics, our athletics and recreation department includes the Mount Fitness Centre, group fitness classes, adult & children's recreation programs, personal training, special events, day camps, student recreation activities and more.</p>
<p>Black Student Support Seton 314 902.457.5547 blackstudentsupport@msvu.ca</p>	<p>Whether you are a Black student from Canada or an international destination, there will likely be times when you are in need of some support at the Mount. Our Black Student Support Advisor is here to help. Drop by or make an appointment today!</p>
<p>Career Services McCain 312 902.457.6567 counselling@msvu.ca</p>	<p>We offer a variety of career-related services for students, employers and faculty. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what to do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path.</p>
<p>Centre for Academic Advising & Student Success Seton 303 902.457.6657 advising@msvu.ca</p>	<p>A centralized location where academic advisors, the Mount 101 coordinator and peer mentors are available to provide academic support to undergraduate students. Equipped with workstations, the Centre is a hub for advising activities and academic support programs on campus.</p>
<p>Counselling Services Library, lower level, room 141 902.457.6567 counselling@msvu.ca</p>	<p>Our Counselling Services team provides free counselling to any registered Mount student in a relaxed and confidential environment. We have a number of services available so that the needs of each student are addressed by highly skilled and professional staff.</p>
<p>Financial Aid Evaristus 207K 902.457.6351 financial.aid@msvu.ca</p>	<p>We are dedicated to helping students reduce their financial barriers to a high quality, post-secondary education by assisting with everything from budgeting to bursaries and scholarships. We can provide support and direction to all of the information you need.</p>
<p>Financial Services Evaristus 206 & 211 902.457.6277 financial.services@msvu.ca</p>	<p>You've likely discovered that paying for your education will be the first major financial decision you will make. It doesn't have to be overwhelming. The Mount is one of the most affordable places to get an education, and we've helped many students figure out a way.</p>
<p>International Education Centre Seton Annex 902.457.5982 international@msvu.ca</p>	<p>The International Education Centre offers personal, academic, cultural and immigration advising to international students and any student or faculty wishing to study, research or conduct projects abroad. The IEC is also home to the English as an Additional Language Programs.</p>

Tip #5:
Be aware of policies





Important Policies

- Accessibility
- Missed/late work
- Religious observances
- Academic Integrity
 - Mount 101, *Exploring the Mount*
 - MSVU LibGuides (www.msvu.ca/library)



Questions?