

# NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Freshman College Experience

**Course #:** COL 099

### **Course Description:**

This course focuses on developing and strengthening the foundational skills necessary for academic success at the college level. The course introduces the principles of critical thought and develops the habits of critical thinking through a problem-based approach to learning. With emphasis on close reading, careful listening, civil discourse, logical reasoning and with a format that requires students to apply these skills to real-world situations, this course prepares them for the work they will do in all subsequent courses at NCCC. The course also encourages the development of social skills and fosters a connection with classmates, NCCC and the community.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** Eng 003/013/033

### **Goals:**

- Students will communicate effectively, learning to clearly and effectively express ideas and actively listen to the ideas of others in discussions
- Students will think critically, learning to
  - Read with comprehension
  - Transfer and apply knowledge and skills to new situations
  - Solve multi-step and non-routine problems involving a range of reasoning skills
  - Evaluate and analyze point of view from more than one perspective
- Students will develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, learning to use required technology to gather and process information effectively

### **Outcomes:**

At the completion of this course students will have strengthened the skills to:

- Demonstrate critical thinking, listening, reading and writing
- Communicate information clearly, accurately and concisely
- Articulate personal viewpoint while using supporting data that adhere to high academic standards of proof
- Present arguments and engage in discussion with other in a courteous professional manner that integrates intellectual rigor with respect for the view points and values of others
- Evaluate information from a variety of sources for bias and accuracy, information from video, printed materials, and Internet sites
- Cope with the difficulties of college life – academic, personal, social – in manner consistent with their values and priorities and become familiar with the wide variety of resources available for help with individuals issues
- Establish a pattern of learning that is self-motivated and fulfilling
- Work effectively with others in group settings
- Strengthen vocabulary skills
- Utilize course management systems and other technology tools for college success

## **College Policies**

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanction. Please refer to your “Student Handbook” under “Policy on Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Roseann Dennerlein, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6307 (V/TTY) and her email is [rdennerlein@nwcc.commnet.edu](mailto:rdennerlein@nwcc.commnet.edu).

**School Cancellations:** If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio stations. Students may also call the College directly at (860) 738-6464 to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.