

Tips to be successful in Credit Recovery Courses

Congratulations on making the decision to pursue a credit recovery course at CSU! This is a great way to remain on track with your credit hours for a timely graduation. We encourage you to take advantage of the smaller class size by actively participating in class, engaging with your instructor, and utilizing instructor office hours.

Please keep in mind that these courses are as rigorous as regular sixteen week courses. The same material covered in sixteen weeks, will be covered in only seven weeks. Below are some important tips to help you as you navigate this type of course.

- **Attendance is critical!** Missing one day of a Credit Recovery Course is like missing an entire week of lecture or two weeks of in-class work. An analysis of credit recovery courses shows that students who miss class do NOT do well in them.
- From day one, get organized and stay on top of course commitments, for example:
 - Write due dates on your calendar;
 - Set daily goals for getting coursework and assignments done (includes making time for increased reading);
 - Study daily as tests may occur more frequently;
 - Build in more time to review and study to keep up with the faster pace of these condensed format courses.
- Credit Recovery Courses that include online components are NOT self-paced - students need to engage in the online components from day one.
- It is NOT recommended that a student take more than one Credit Recovery Course during a regular semester. If taking more than one credit recovery course, it is not recommended that students have other substantial commitments aside from classes.
- Nonattendance is NOT a “drop” from the course. The Spring 2019 drop/withdrawal deadlines for these courses are as follows:
 - **Last Day To Drop:** Monday, April 1, 2019
 - **Students can Withdraw from Course:** April 2, 2019 through April 17, 2019
- If you experience challenges in a Credit Recovery Course, talk to your instructor for guidance on how you can improve.
- Use available campus resources such as the TILT Study Groups, Workshops, and Learning Resources, the Writing Center, the Student Disability Center, CSU Health Network, Student Case Management, and department specific advising.

Contact your Academic Success Coordinator/Academic Advisor if you have questions.