Class Objective
This class will provide you with all the resources you will need to become a successful student, a strategic learner. A wide variety of active learning strategies will enable you to use different strategies for different courses. The class activities will instruct you to apply and modify these strategies to the lectures, texts, exams and assignments of your courses. Becoming a strategic learner and applying these strategies can help you to achieve your academic and personal goals in college.

Text and Course Materials
Materials listed below are available at either Folletts or University Bookstores.

1. GS290 Study Skills Outline Book-Staff
2. College Study Skills: Becoming a Strategic Learner-Dianna Van Blurkom-7th edition or Custom Edition
3. Index Cards – 3x5
4. Three ring Notebook-at least 3 inches
5. Mortar Board, Planner or small “to do” list notebook

In the event of a major Campus Emergency
In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading points are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances. Here are ways to get information about changes in this course.
Blackboard, my email address: wagnerk@purdue.edu. my office phone: 765-494-0451.

Cheating Policy
Appropriate measures will be taken against any student caught cheating on any assignments, quizzes or exams in this class. Cheating and plagiarism constitutes misconduct for which students may be subject to administrative action or disciplinary penalties.

Student Advisory Board
Here is an opportunity to become an integral part of the Purdue University community. Each spring the ASC will invite a few students to join the ASC Student Advisory Board. As a Student Advisory Board member, you serve as an academic resource and role model for your peers and you leadership and communication skills. These skills are valuable when building your resume. See your instructor for further information or for an application at the end of the semester.

Cell Phones, iPods and newspapers are to be turned off and put away during class.
**Grading Policy**

Attendance at all class sessions is extremely important. One percent will be subtracted from your final grade for each absence beyond the first two. MAKEUPS will be allowed by making arrangements with the instructor. A missed test or late assignment may be turned in one class session late but you **will lose 10 points** of your grade on the assignment. **After one class period the assignment will not be accepted.**

**Total Class Points – 1060**  
You will be able to keep track of your points on your class folder.

- 20% Class assignments & homework – 200 points
  - A- 1060-1000
- 5% Exam 1 - 50 points
  - B- 900-899
- 5% Exam 2 - 50 points
  - C- 898-700
- 10% Exam 3 – 100 points
  - D- 699-500
- 20% On-line Van Blerkom Quizzes - 260 points
  - F-499-0
- 15% Research Project - 100 points
- 25% Final Study Guide Presentation and Project - 200 points

Total= 100%

**Conferences**

Two conferences are mandatory for all students. During the first conference, we will discuss the results of the LASSI and the Nelson Denny Reading Test as well as review your weekly time schedule. During the last conference, you will be orally quizzed on your study guide in preparation for your final exam in another content area. This is your opportunity to review your progress and look at what you plan to do differently.