I have had the opportunity to take College Success with Professor Rowley. While the course description says as much, I had no idea how much this one course could change my study and organization habits and what a tremendous benefit doing so would serve.

The course is as comprehensive as it is detailed - covering topics from scheduling and time management to note taking and active reading to long-term planning and library research skills to learning styles and deepening understanding, valuable and specific advice, insight, and strategy is offered for each area the class touches upon.

Among the many improvements in my personal and academic life: I went from having no written schedule to having an hour-by-hour breakdown of each day including when I would be studying what section of what chapter for each class; I went from not knowing how to take notes during lecture or while reading to having notes more organized, detailed, and helpful than any of my peers; I learned how to read for longer stretches of time and to enjoy studying by employing the techniques taught in the class; I learned how to strategically prepare for tests rather than using a simple and less-effective shotgun approach to material; I learned how to organize study groups and connect with my fellow students in ways that have been both helpful and enriching. This course has helped me to carry a heavier course load while simultaneously finding time for the things in my personal life that I care about the most. And while I generally had decent grades prior to taking the course, the depth of learning I have achieved while applying the skills I acquired by taking LERN 50 has truly allowed me to take full advantage of the wonderful courses I've been enrolled in since.

Now I will be transferring to a 4-year institution with a 3.98 GPA. I would not be where I am today without LERN 50 and it will continue to serve me well as I move on toward my degree. I sincerely and strongly encourage any and all students to take LERN 50. For those who already study well, this course can give you new insights that can improve your classroom and home study experience in a way that allows you to take your learning to the next level and for those who, like me, have learning skills that could use improvement, the course could not be better or more crucial. I guarantee you'll be as happy to have taken the course as I am.

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