

PM- 111
ESSENTIALS OF SUCCESS

Opportunities for Academic Success with Individualized
& Small Group Support

WHAT IS IT?

Essentials of Success is a one-credit course, specifically designed to help students new to the college experience make a smooth transition to Berklee. It will provide opportunities for students to develop skills, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for academic and personal success in college.

Essentials of Success is taught in small groups (10-15 students) by faculty from the Professional Music Department who have a special interest in first-year students transitioning to college life.

WHY ENROLL IN THIS CLASS?

If you participate in this class you will have the opportunity to:

Get to know yourself as a learner

- Time management- Explore new ways to balance your academic and personal life
- Study methods- Discover new methods to organize material from a variety of courses
- Learning style- Identify your particular learning style and how to accommodate for various teaching methods

Improve general student success strategies

- Faculty relationships- Learn beneficial ways to work with instructors
- Critical campus resources- Learn how use the library, media center and other support services
- Test-Taking strategies- Explore new techniques to improve exam grades.

Make the most of the Core Curriculum

- Recognize how to use this opportunity to expand your awareness of core music disciplines
- Become familiar with possible majors and future career opportunities

Master Berklee

- Important people and places- Learn who is who, and what is where around campus; for academic and personal needs
- Academic policies and procedures- Understand important Berklee rules and deadlines

Build a support network

- The small class size and discussion format is designed to promote peer relationships and study groups

WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO?

The requirements of this class include:

*Attendance- this class will meet for one 50 minute session per week

*Participation- Group discussion will be an integral component of this class

*In-Class assignments- There will be a combination of individual, small group and large group activities to assist students in learning about the campus community and available resources

*Homework- Assignments include time management exercises, a faculty/staff interview and career exploration exercises

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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