

WARNING!

My classes are **challenging** because they require much reading, writing, and research to do well in.

Therefore:

1. If you're not ready, willing, or able to work hard, you shouldn't take any of my classes.
2. If you don't want to take school seriously, you shouldn't take any of my classes.
3. If you can't attend class each time, on time, and the full time, you shouldn't take any of my classes.
4. If you can't follow instructions, definitely don't take any of my classes.
5. If you're a procrastinator, don't come near any of my classes—there's too much work to do.
6. If you're undisciplined and disorganized, run from taking any of my classes.
7. If you're unwilling or can't complete the research paper (it counts for 30% of your grade), avoid my classes as you would the plague.
8. If you're addicted to a relationship, alcohol or other drugs, video games, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube, your cell phone or iPod, texting, pornography, TV, sleep, etc., don't even think about taking my class—and get help ASAP!
9. If you're juggling too many things (e.g., job, family, boyfriend, girlfriend, friends, other classes), and can't manage them along with this **demanding** course, forget about taking any of my classes. I really do want you to take my classes because I believe you'll enjoy them and learn much, but if any of the above is true for you and you're unwilling or believe you can't overcome them, please don't take any of my classes/drop now—all you'll end up with is stressed-outness and a grade you don't want. However, if you want to actually learn something and earn a grade you can be satisfied with, follow these steps:

- 1. Come to class**
- 2. Follow instructions**
- 3. Don't procrastinate**
- 4. Be self-disciplined***

*do what you've got to do whether you feel like it or not because it needs to be done

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**CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS WHO TEND TO
NOT ENJOY THEIR CLASSES AND TO EARN GRADES
BELOW THEIR POTENTIAL**

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1. Don't realize that school is a full-time job/commitment.
2. Avoid or minimize taking responsibility for their learning.
3. Disorganized and undisciplined.
4. Procrastinate on assignments and studying for exams.
5. Poor class attendance.
6. Expect school to be easier than it actually is.
7. Expect instructor "mercy or grace" to make up for poor academic effort.
8. Don't take full advantage of the opportunities given to maximize learning and points possible.
9. Personal, interpersonal or learning problems requiring counseling.
10. In school for the wrong reasons.
11. Too many other things going on in their life.
12. Not really motivated to be in school and take care of business.