What is the best class a first-time student at DSCC can take? What class will ensure your success and earn you 3 hours of college-level credit? What class is stress-free, fun, and helpful?

Answer: ORN 1010

This course is a semester-long orientation to DSCC. In this course, students will cover a variety of strategies and techniques necessary to learn and succeed in the college setting.

Topics covered include:
- Note-taking, study, textbook, and test-taking skills
- Memory techniques and learning styles
- Goal setting
- Stress and time management
- Campus resources
- Communication and critical thinking skills
- Beginning research skills
- Academic major and career choices
- Other current student issues.

Expected Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:
- Take responsibility for his/her college success
- Understand and use note-taking skills, memory techniques, study skills, and test-taking skills
- Set goals
- Utilize campus resources, including the LRC and current technology
- Utilize textbooks for academic success
- Understand and apply personal learning styles and learning preferences
- Manage time and stress
- Work with classmates and others, in applying communications skills and critical thinking skills
- Develop basic understanding of academic ethics as related to research skills and plagiarism
- Examine academic major choices, career choices and personal finance issues for students

FOCUS Tip: If you are wondering why you need a course on how to be a student, just look at the schedule of topics covered each week in this class. Our research tells us that how well you are able to learn and put into practice each one of these is directly related to your ability to succeed at DSCC and beyond.