

## **Study Skills for Academic Success:**

2011 Summer session

One-semester equivalent

9-12th grade

1 semester high school elective credit

### **Course Tutor:**

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### **Course description:**

"Study Skills for Academic Success" takes the student on a journey through the learning process. The course begins with an understanding of the information processing model of memory which identifies key processes in how information moves into long-term storage. Tips and techniques for memorization and recall provide opportunity to concretely remember key academic information for long-term success. Students examine and apply other important skills like time management, note taking and test preparation. The course concludes with a section on reading skills, helping students move beyond 'looking at words' to improved comprehension. While we will discuss tips to improve reading speed, we are more concerned about better quality reading. This course is directed at students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade who are preparing for the college environment, though the course content applies equally to all high-school students.

### **Course prerequisites:**

None

### **Required texts:**

*How to Study in College* by Walter Pauk and Ross Owens 8th edition. ISBN: 0-618-37972-x Purchase this USED, which will keep costs down. Look for a copy on Amazon.com which is described as 'like new' or similar.

Please be aware that the textbook is secular. Where issues are raised from a secular perspective which are contrary to Christian values, the tutor will refocus attention on Christian ideas and ideals. For example: when the text advocates relaxation techniques before a test, the tutor will comment on the importance of prayer.

### **Required supplies:**

Textbook and note-taking supplies.

### **Tutor bio:**

Todd was about ten years old when he understood the Gospel and received Christ. After high school, he served five years in the U.S. Navy and married the incomparable Ruth Ann (Martin) Frederick. They began missionary training with New Tribes Mission in the mid-1990's and began serving at a small Bible college in Jackson, Michigan. It was in this environment that Todd completed a BA in Intercultural Ministries and began teaching undergraduate ministry candidates. After several years, circumstances required a return to his trade as an over-the-road truck driver until the Lord opened the doors to further education. He is currently enrolled full-time in Grand Rapids Theological Seminary at Cornerstone University and is scheduled to complete an M. Div. in the spring of 2012. At last count, Todd and Ruth Ann have four children. Having travelled the world and the United States, Todd is most comfortable at home with his nose in a book.