

## CHALLENGES & ASSUMPTIONS OF COLLEGE CULTURE

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### SHORT REPORT:

1. What are the three forms of counseling provided by counselors at Cabrillo?
2. Where can you go at Cabrillo—both in Aptos and in Watsonville—to learn more about Financial Aid available to you? Please list both the physical offices and the online addresses.
3. What is a pre-requisite?
4. List three different ways to approach a Cabrillo instructor with questions.
5. What is the limit for absences according to Cabrillo College policy?
6. List at least three ways in which classmates can be important to your success as a student.

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7. Write your own question about the information presented on ONE of the following topics, and try to be as specific as possible about what you'd like to know:
  - a. Job and Family Responsibilities
  - b. Financial Limitations
  - c. Cultural isolation--"culture shock"
  - d. Studying English As A Second Language
  - e. Learning Difficulties
  - f. Psychological and Physical Challenges

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**SHORT ESSAY ASSIGNMENT NEXT PAGE.**

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### SHORT ESSAY ASSIGNMENT:

***Write 1-2 pages (at least 250 words) describing your study skills: listening, note-taking, time-management, and computer or word-processing. Where did you learn these skills? Who taught you? What new skills or abilities, if any, do you think you would need to develop in order to be a successful college student? What challenges do you face in terms of time management, such as family and work demands?***

Your paper should be developed in three phases:

**PREWRITING:** Various techniques are presented in the class website, under Skills for the Writing Process. These techniques include outlining, clustering, listing, and brainstorming. Complete one of these forms of pre-writing before you begin drafting, and attach it to your final paper.

**DRAFTING:** Once you have a sense of your paper's focus and some of the supporting details and examples that you wish to include, begin writing. Don't get too hung up on a perfect introduction or format at this point, and feel free to draft by hand or on the computer.

**REVISING/EDITING:** Re-read your paper and meet with a tutor to determine areas to focus on as you edit. You may want to spend some of your homework time learning more about the errors you have made in the draft. Make corrections in your draft and then rewrite the paper again with all your revisions included. The final rewrite can be done by hand in ink or on the computer, but the first draft should be saved and attached to the final paper.

**IN GENERAL, WE PREFER YOUR FINAL PAPERS TYPED ON THE COMPUTER.** If you are a new computer user, this isn't required on the first paper, but we will help you learn basic word processing to type your other papers, which you can do in the lab or on your home computer.