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Post-Class Assignment #1

What are Your Goals for This Course?

Wilbert McKeachie, one of the leading researchers in university teaching and learning, writes, “Students who are aware of their learning goals tend to reflect on what is involved in learning” (Teaching Tips, 9th edition, p. 360). I’ve also noticed that students find a course more worthwhile when they explicitly identify what they want to get out of it.

Please put together a list of what you hope to know and be able to do, and/or what habits of mind you would like to develop by the time the semester is over. There shouldn’t be more than six or eight items on the list.

I’m asking you to do this so that I can get a sense of what you hope to achieve in the course, and, therefore, can do a better job of helping you achieve those goals.

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