

Academic  
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# 2008-09 Courses

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University of Oregon



Fall  
Winter  
Spring

## Course Descriptions

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### **ALS 101: Introduction to University Study (partly online)**

Explore a wide range of study skills—including reading, time management, note-taking, test preparation, and computer-based learning—while examining issues within higher education. Excellent for newcomers as well as returning or transfer students who would like to become more efficient learners. 3 credits.

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### **ALS 199: Tackling Texts**

Having trouble getting what you need from your textbooks? Learn strategies for managing your reading load, taking notes, and writing about assigned readings. Meets weeks 1-3. 1 credit.

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### **ALS 199: Tackling Time**

Wondering how to structure your study time for best results? This course is designed to help you set goals, identify priorities, explore learning styles, and manage time. Meets weeks 4-6. 1 credit.

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### **ALS 199: Tackling Tests**

Wishing you had more confidence when it comes to tests? Discover ways to anticipate exam questions, create study guides, form effective study groups, and reduce test anxiety. Meets weeks 7-9. 1 credit.

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### **ALS 199: Tackling Science**

This course focuses on study skills specific to the demands of science courses. Practice strategies for interpreting scientific texts, listening actively, taking notes, and preparing for exams. Science majors and non-majors are welcome; concurrent enrollment in a science course is recommended. Meets weeks 2-10. 2 credits.

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### **ALS 199: Pre Graduate School Math**

Designed as a foundation for students concerned about their math skills, this course covers concepts for GRE math. Consider taking the GRE test preparation workshop as well for test-taking strategies. Instructor approval required. Meets weeks 3-8. 2 credits.

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### **ALS 199: Critical Reading of Statistics**

Develop a critical view of statistical information: assumption, bias, sampling, study design, distortions, uses, and abuses of statistics and graphs. Meets weeks 7-10. 1 credit.

**Course Descriptions 2008-09****W S****ALS 199: Functions of Algebra / Math 111: College Algebra**

This is a two-term version of Math 111. During winter term, ALS 199 covers the first 60% of the Math 111 curriculum. Upon successful completion, students are authorized to sign up for a designated spring term section of Math 111. Instructor approval required. (Open to any student who demonstrates the need for a smaller, slower paced Math 111; not first come, first served.) 1 credit, 4 credits.

**F****ALS 199: Grammar Basics**

Recommended for students who want to learn the language of grammar, this course focuses on parts of speech, phrases, clauses, and sentence construction. Ideal for students learning a foreign language or preparing for more advanced study of English grammar. Meets weeks 3-9. 2 credits.

**W****ALS 199: Grammar Applied (online)**

This self-paced online course is a grammar brush-up. Using the book *Woe Is I* and a variety of web resources, students practice identifying and avoiding common grammatical errors. Instructor approval required. 1 credit.

**S****ALS 199: Grammar & Style**

Designed to help students strengthen and polish their writing, this course covers a wide range of techniques for spotting grammar errors, making writing more interesting, and conveying ideas effectively. 1 credit.

**W****ALS 199: Igniting Writing (partly online)**

Find a writing process that works for you. Emphasizing learning styles and study skills, this course explores concrete strategies for choosing an appropriate topic, managing longer/larger projects, overcoming writer's block, brainstorming, organizing ideas, and recognizing/correcting common grammatical errors. Meets weeks 3-8. 1 credit.

**W****ALS 199: Communication Confidence**

Effective interpersonal communication skills provide keys to success—within the university and beyond. This course focuses on tools and strategies to help increase your abilities to understand and be understood by others. 2 credits.

**S****ALS 199: Public Speaking**

Learn the basics you need to make effective presentations in academic settings, both as an individual and as part of a group. Reduce your anxiety, plan an effective presentation, and deliver it using strong oral and visual techniques. Meets weeks 1-7. 2 credits.

**W S****ALS 199: Money Matters**

Gain money-management tools for personal financial planning as a student and beyond. Learn how to construct an income and spending log, develop a personal budget, use credit cards wisely, understand your credit report, and utilize financial resources to maximize savings. 1 credit.

**F W S****ALS 399: Speed Reading**

Learn techniques that help boost reading speed, concentration, and even comprehension. Meets weeks 1-5. 1 credit.

**W****ALS 399: Critical Reading**

In a seminar-style setting, students practice strategies for comprehending, retaining, and critically engaging written information. Course readings focus on social class. 3 credits.