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K-State Online Holmes Program and Tracking Model

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The K-State Holmes Method utilizes the university's online system to track and develop programming for multicultural students on academic warning. The model has helped to successfully retain 93% of the College of Arts and Sciences multicultural students on academic warning Spring 2009. The average semester grade point average for the 153 students using the Holmes Tracking model is 2.54.



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Instructional Objectives:

1. Identify Key academic resources that are on campus that can help you.
2. Learn and apply tutoring and other key test taking tips.
3. Learn to take notes and study in a group.
4. Be able to critically analyze your own ethnic or cultural experiences in contrast to that of your professors.
5. Take responsibility for your own success.
6. Time management, make it work!
7. How to when to talk to your professor.



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Student Learning Outcomes:

1. **Knowledge:** You will be expected to demonstrate an awareness and understanding of what will be required to be successful on this campus and graduate.
2. **Personal Attributes:** You will be expected to demonstrate the behaviors and perform task needed to obtain a grade point average of 2.5 and above.
3. **Skills:** You will be expected to acquire the traits needed to speak with a professor, understand their syllabus, and get to know your professor's teaching style.



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- Some of the tools used are
 - message board,
 - Wimba classroom (for group meetings),
 - online chat
 - tutorials,
 - private and group memos,
 - announcements,
 - assignments
 - module system



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- Program activities are organized into three categories:
 - academic service intervention,
 - peer mentor development,
 - tracking and data analysis



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- Academic Service Intervention
 - The academic service intervention includes pre-semester Smart Study workshops in the fall and spring, followed by an online course in studying and college survival skills for





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■ Peer Mentor development

- Students are notified by a Graduate Assistant twice a week for academic intervention.
- Students 1.5 and below are required to meet with their Peer Mentor once a week
- Peer mentors conduct weekly online chats
- Peer mentors conduct a bi-weekly Wimba Classroom
- Peer mentors evaluate mid-term grades

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- Tracking and Data Analysis
 - Each student is entered into our mock course
 - Majors are tracked to establish which majors are our students having the most difficulty adjusting too
 - Data is collected on
 - Majors
 - GPA (semester and overall)
 - Ethnicity
 - Gender
 - Status
 - Advisor



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■ Academic Intervention cont.

- Smart Study workshops in the fall and spring
- online course in studying
- college survival skills





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