

Why take SLS 1503?

- SLS 1503 is part of a national movement called the *First-Year Experience* whose goal is to improve the success of all students – from those attending a local community college to those attending Ivy league universities
- Extensive research has demonstrated that students who take a class like SLS 1503 show higher rates of retention (they stay in college until they graduate) and academic performance (they earn higher GPAs)
- This course is not only about academic success in your first year of college but about life-success. The topics addressed and the skills reviewed and learned will transfer to your sophomore, junior, and senior years and on into your professional worlds.
- This may be the only course you will ever take where **you** are the topic and not some body of knowledge
- Because those things which we view as “common sense,” “simple,” or “obvious” may be the very things that we most often overlook or ignore