

## **Letter to Future Freshmen Prompt**

The function of this course is to equip you with tools, skills, and strategies that will help you succeed academically at Fitchburg State, and throughout your educational and professional life. An important part of solidifying those tools is to reflect back upon how you have used them this semester, and think about how you would advise others in your position. As we know, you learn something better when you teach it! You will be creating a Message to Future First-Years, in which you will make specific recommendations to people who are considering attending Fitchburg State in the future. To be clear, the audience for your message is the general public, esp. potential new students. This assignment can be submitted in any format: audio recording, video recording, written document, or visual project. As long as you include the required elements, whatever form helps you most effectively communicate your message is the form you should use. The following elements must be included in your message:

**READING STRATEGIES**-What Reading Strategies do you think would be most useful for incoming students to use? (choose at least two - one that you found useful right away, and one that you struggled with at first), Why do you think they are the most valuable? How did you use them this semester in your academic work?

**HABITS OF MIND / STUDY SKILLS** - What Habits of Mind / study skills do you think would be most useful for incoming students to use? (choose at least two - one that you found useful right away, and one that you struggled with at first) Why do you think they are the most valuable? How did you use them this semester in your academic work?

**INFORMATION LITERACY / RESEARCH SKILLS**- What Information Literacy and research skills or ideas do you think would be most useful for incoming students to use? (choose at least two - one that you found useful right away, and one that you struggled with at first) Why do you think they are the most valuable? How did you use them this semester in your academic work?

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**- Share a positive Fitchburg State experience that you have had this semester - with a friend, in a class, with a professor or staff member, in a club, etc. If it's something that helped you get through the semester, it's worth sharing with future first-years.

**WHAT YOU GOT FROM THIS CLASS**- Share a positive experience that you had with this class this semester. Did you like the content, what did you learn, what were some of your favorite activities?