It’s in the Syllabus (Text-only Transcript)

## Slide 1: Title slide: “It’s in the Syllabus!”

## Slide 2:

In every class you take, your professor will give you a syllabus. Syllabi (that's the plural) are usually boring when you first look at them. Sometimes they're SUPER long. Do you really need to pay attention? The answer is: YES.

## Slide 3: Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EN3uhkvW20g>

## Slide 4: What can the syllabus tell me?

The syllabus has all the important info you'll need for the semester:

* Professor's email
* Professor's office hours (make sure to watch our office hour slide show!)
* How you'll get graded
* Revision policies
* What books you'll need or what websites you'll need to sign up for
* What you can expect to learn!
* Due dates for essays and homework
* Important school policies on plagiarism and academic honesty
* Important school resources like the financial aid and advising offices

## Slide 5: When should I check the syllabus?

This is a good question! Many people only look at the syllabus on the first day of class when the professor is going over it with them. Make sure you KEEP checking the syllabus throughout the semester, whenever you have a question about what's due, what's expected of you-- or what you can expect of your professor!

## Slide 6: What if I’m confused by something on the syllabus?

* Oh my gosh! Please ask! Professors are not perfect! Sometimes we make mistakes, or we're just not clear. It is GOOD to ask questions when you're confused or you want more info!
* That said, do your research. Definitely read the syllabus BEFORE you ask the question. Professors are famous for getting annoyed by having to answer the same questions over and over, especially when the answer is "in the syllabus."

## Slide 7: Comic from Phdcomics.com: “It’s in the Syllabus!”

Comic shows frazzled female professor. In each frame a different student approaches her, asking a question: “What did we cover in class last week?”; “What’s your late homework policy?”; “What are your office hours?”; “How will my grade be computed?” Each time, she has the same answer: “IT’S IN THE SYLLABUS!” The final line of the comic is, “This message is brought to you by every instructor that ever lived.”

## Slide 8: An important note about due dates

As you well know, you're in college now! You've leveled up! This means that, unlike high school, assignments are due when they're due, without a lot of wiggle room. Some professors may have some leeway with this, but some may not. Never (EVER) assume you can turn something in late, especially a major paper. You need to ASK your professor for an extension. You may fail the assignment if you don't turn it in.

If you miss a deadline, or you are struggling, don't just give up. Talk to your professors! Remember that we're on your side but there's no way for us to know what you're going through if you don't tell us. You don't ever need to tell more personal info than you're comfortable with, just that you are "having a personal issue" or "having a hard time keeping up with the work."

## Slide 9

*A meme depicting an African American man in sunglasses (Laurence Fishburne in The Matrix). White lettering atop the image says,* “What if I told you the information you seek is in the syllabus?”

Text: There are a thousand of these "It's in the syllabus" memes! Google it! That's because professors are so tired of saying "It's in the syllabus!" Again, please please don't be afraid to ask a question. Just look at the syllabus first!

## Slide 10: What you can expect from your professor

* The syllabus isn't just about what you need to do, it's also about what you can expect from your professor. The syllabus is a two-directional document meant to benefit you both!
* Every Composition syllabus at City Tech has learning outcomes on it. These are what you can expect to learn this semester. There are also campus policies on accessibility and diversity as well as resources listed on every syllabus for you.
* The grading criteria and schedule are there for your benefit. These should make it clear to you what you need to do this semester (and when!) The professor CAN change these, but must give the class fair notice (in writing) and officially change the syllabus.

## Slide 11: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOIvB2YtAhY