Why Does the Syllabus Matter?

Reading your entire syllabus as soon as classes begin helps with the following:

**Course Expectations**
You get an idea of how your courses compare to each other in areas such as workload, time commitment, and difficulty.

**Bird's Eye View**
The schedules help you see the "big picture" of your semester. This can help if you feel overwhelmed or anxious.

**Time Management**
You will get an idea of how much time you need to dedicate to this course every week and for every type of assignment.

**Staying on Track**
You'll know what is coming and when it is coming. It will be harder for you to fall behind or get caught by surprise.

**Helping Yourself**
You will identify things that confuse you early on, preventing you from being lost or stressed out.