

Profile of a Successful Online Student

Students who choose to participate in online courses need to examine their personal skills and aptitudes for taking a class online. The following attributes will greatly contribute to a student's success:

Self-motivation – Students can direct their own learning environment and methods to fulfill course requirements and achieve individual academic success.

Independent learner – The online environment enables students to learn at their own pace, relieving the stress of feeling rushed or pressured and providing enjoyment in the learning process.

Computer literate – Although it is not necessary to have advanced computer skills, students should possess a working knowledge of electronic e-mail, the Internet, as well as basic keyboarding skills.

Time management – Students must be able to organize and plan their own best “time to learn.” There is no one best time for everyone, but the key to learning is to make the time to learn.

Effective written communication skills – Students must use electronic e-mail and discussion forums to communicate with their peers as well as the instructors. The ability to write clearly to communicate ideas and assignment is essential. This method provides the learner with rapid feedback as well as means to inform instructors of any concerns or problems that they may be experiencing.

Personal commitment- Because there are no bells that begin and end classes, students must have a strong desire to learn and achieve knowledge and skills via online courses. Making a commitment to learn in this manner is a very personal decision and requires a strong commitment to perform in order to achieve academic success. Overall, every individual who has the motivation and self-direction to take online courses will achieve success in our “any time, any place, any path, any pace” virtual environment. Meeting the needs of individual students is our top priority.

Last but not least, successful online students are students who decide for themselves that online learning is a choice that they want to make.

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Is E-Learning Right for Me?

Do you wonder what makes a good online student?

Although online learning may be an attractive alternative to tradition classroom delivery, there are challenges inherent with this medium order to help you determine if you will be successful in an online environment, please carefully consider the questions below prior to registering for online courses.

If you can answer “yes” to ALL of the following questions, online distance learning may be an attractive option for your educational needs. If you answer “no,” to any of the questions, you will need to work on improving in this area prior to attempting online courses to avoid potential difficulties. Please contact the instructor of the course you are interested in if you have any areas of concern about your chances for success.

1. Am I a highly motivated, self-disciplined individual able to work independently?
2. Can I set a personal schedule and complete assigned work by required dates?
3. Can I effectively communicate questions or concerns to my instructor through email or by phone?
4. Do I try to solve problems independently and not give up easily even when confronted with obstacles?
5. Am I ready comfortable with using the Internet as a means of communication research?
6. Do I own or have access to a computer with Internet access and email?