

Strategies for Online Learning

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The Basics –
What do I
need to
succeed?



Device - Computer, phone, tablet



Reliable Internet Connection



Motivation to succeed

Benefits of Online Learning



Convenience



Enhanced Learning



Leveling of the Playing Field



Interaction



You may actually do better in online classes

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1. Have a Positive Attitude

- Believe in the Process
- Persistence and Commitment
- Self-Motivated
- Have Correct Expectations

I can't
do it

2. Speak Up - Self Advocate

- Connect with faculty
- Advocate for your accommodations.
- Involve your disability resources office.
- Understand expectations about participation and communication.
- Ask questions.



3. Perfect Your Technical Skills

- Create, upload & share files.
- Conducting successful Internet searches.
- Course Management Tools
- Online meetings
- Interactions such as email, discussion boards, listservs, web meetings, and chat rooms.
- Format discussions
- Direct Faculty to resources uw.edu/doit/20-tips-teaching-accessible-online-course



4. Create a Study Space

- Dedicated comfortable workstation
- Free of distractions
- Reliable Internet
- Supplies available
- Follow classroom norms



5. Schedule Your Time/Take Breaks

- Develop a schedule - classes, meals, sleep, and other aspects of self-care.
- Create a calendar - class sessions, assignments, exams, and other tasks.
- Plan ahead and start early
- Chunks/Take Breaks



6. Stay Organized

- Print docs you use frequently - Syllabus
- Consider buying physical copies of books
- Create to-do lists
- Organize your files that make sense to you and allow for growth
- Naming conventions for files
- Keep a copy of anything you submit
- Take good notes



7. Know Your Resources

- Determine what tutoring, coaching, or writing center resources are available online at your institution.
- Reach out to all of these personnel and know the policies and resources that are available to you.
- You may need to request new or different accommodations.

8. Communicate With Others

- Make an effort to make connections.
- Get involved in discussions, meet-ups, chats ect.
- The more you interact, the more you learn.
- Make the first move to get to know your classmates.



9. Etiquette/Video Conference Tips

- Ask your instructor to set clear expectations for how to engage.
- Look at your name in the participant list and be sure it shows your preferred name.
- Camera on or off
- Microphone on mute
- Turn off notifications

