

Tips for being a successful Distance Education Student

As a student taking an alternate format class, you are not restricted to set classroom hours, you can learn in the comfort of your home, and you can review material that is unclear any number of times. However, you will be required to work on a far more independent basis while taking a course in one of these alternate formats.

- Distance learning courses are NOT EASIER!
- Require **motivation**
- Require **good organization** skills
- Require ability to **read well and learn on your own**
- Require good **technical computer skills**
- You are **committed** to completing your course.
- You have **good reading and comprehension skills**.
- You are able to **avoid and overcome distractions**.
- You are able to **devote the necessary time** to your studies.
- You have access to a **quiet place to study**.
- You have **confidence** in yourself as an independent learner.
- You have self **discipline** and are able to set and **maintain a schedule**.
- You can meet **deadlines**.
- You practice good **study skills**.
- You do not **need** daily contact with you instructor but **will** contact the instructor when questions arise about the course.
- You realize that there are times **you may be required to come to campus**.
- You have **reliable child care** to support campus visits.
- If you feel you do not possess the above skills, please consult with your advisor or your instructor. You may want to consider taking your course in a traditional class format, and your advisor or instructor will help you make that decision.