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Student Tips for Remote Learning

CHECK YOUR TECHNOLOGY

Many major U.S. Internet Service Providers are now offering WiFi, broadband, and other services to help people stay connected during this challenging time. Check out the Free WiFi Access and Internet Service Updates PDF for options provided by these companies.

⇒ Free WiFi Access and Internet Service Updates

ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING

With asynchronous learning, you are able to work and learn at your own pace. This gives you the freedom to learn on your schedule. However, it is easy to forget about a course that doesn't meet at the same time every week.

MANAGE YOUR TIME

Many students find it takes much more time and commitment to successfully complete an online course. Assignments can take twice as long to complete when moved online. Instead of speaking in class, you have to write everything you might say. Remember to allow yourself extra time to complete your coursework.

Establish a schedule and a daily routine to work on your courses. Make sure it's reasonable and gives you enough time to complete the course requirements. If your usual waking hour is 10:00AM, don't schedule study time for early morning hours. Establishing a set schedule - and sticking to it - can help you manage the stress of a heavy work and study load.

COMMUNICATE

When you are in a face-to-face or hybrid course, the instructor can see and respond to non-verbal expressions, such as confusion. This is typically not the case in an online course where most of the interactions happen through writing. If you have questions or need support, share that feedback to the instructor through their preferred form of contact.

PARTICIPATE

Interaction in an online course is critical. Connect with your instructors, your classmates, and the resources available to you for the course. Take responsibility for your learning. You will only get out of your course as much as you're willing to put into it.

CO-NAVIGATE THIS NEW EXPERIENCE

This is a new situation for all of us - faculty and students. You and your instructors have had very little time to prepare for remote teaching and learning. Have realistic expectations, and be patient when things don't go according to plan. Do your best, be flexible, and remember, we're all learning how to navigate this unusual and stressful experience together.

⇒ *IMPORTANT*: Follow <u>CDC rules of hygiene</u>, practice social distancing to protect yourself and others, and stay well!