Online Learning

Regent University is committed to providing its students with the necessary tools needed to accomplish their educational goals. If you are a new or returning student who has little experience with online learning, you may have questions about what your studies will look like. We have prepared a list of expectations, advantages, and myths that accompany online learning in hopes of addressing any of the concerns you might have.



Expectations

Time commitment – You can expect a greater time commitment for an online course than you would for a traditional class because of the nature of the text-driven environment. In an online course, however, you decide when and where you would like to study. This requires you to be both self-motivated and disciplined. Most courses are not self-paced, so you will need to pay close attention to scheduled deadlines.

Assignments/Assessments – Each online class posts a course schedule along with a list of all assignments and their due dates. Assignments and assessments are submitted online.

Interaction with other students – Online learning is not isolated learning. Through online chat tools, you will collaborate with your fellow students, discussing course material and even completing group assignments.

Technical assistance – Regent's Information Technology Department is available to help you with any technical questions you may have. Visit our <u>Technical Support</u> page, where you will find helpful information, including contact information to call or email the help desk.

Course feedback – Regent values its students' opinions and use their feedback to build better courses. At the end of each course, you will have a chance to fill out an anonymous course evaluation.

Myths of Online Learning

It might be tempting to think that online learning is somehow easier, it will take less time, or deadlines are not relevant. This is not true. Avoid trouble by knowing the myths of online learning.

Advantages

While there are expectations and myths, there are also <u>advantages to learning online</u>. Be sure to check out the many <u>support</u> services available to online learners as well.

Addition Resources

- Tips for Success for Online Students
- Online Resources