Welcome to Virtual College Week

Succeed In School with Online Courses
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What Career Should You Go Into After Graduating from College

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WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED

Topics:
• Preparing for Online Classes
• Succeeding in Online Classes
• Online vs On-campus
IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER!

• School is a balancing act.
• Online courses are STILL courses, meaning they are not always “the easy route”.
• Online courses are great because they allow you to have extra time in the day for yourself and not dedicated to coming to an on-campus course.
Use Your Resources!

- You are your biggest resource!
- Communication with your Academic Advisor is crucial.
- Be aware of the academic expectations within courses.
- RateMyProfessors.com, use other student experiences for your classes as well.
Review the Syllabus

- Syllabi for courses can have information on grading, assignments, and different articles or books you may need to use.

- It can also contain information on late assignment policies as well as your professor’s contact information so you can reach out to him/her when in need.

**IT’S IN THE SYLLABUS**

This message brought to you by every instructor that ever lived.

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“Piled Higher and Deeper” by Jorge Cham
Be Prepared

- Remember that even as an online student, you are given tools to succeed!
  - Online Support
  - Online Tutoring
  - Access to different Technology to do assignments or exams
- Make sure you are getting class supplies (such as textbooks) early on.
Make Connections and Get Excited!

• Once classes begin, do not be afraid to interact with other students.

  • You are not alone in your online course and reaching out/making friends can help when you may have questions about upcoming lectures or assignments.
SUCCEEDING IN ONLINE CLASSES

Tips on being Successful in Online Classes

Set Goals and Manage your Time Appropriately

- Go back to your syllabus and plan out when to do readings and assignments based on when they are due.

Use ALL Available Resources

- Most Colleges/Universities offer resources online just like they do on-campus.
- For example, FIU has a Success Coach team for our fully online students.

Always Take Notes

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Take Notes

- Notes are always important to take down for future discussions or questions.

Connect with Others and Ask Questions

- Students in your class can be studying either both on-campus and online or simply online only.
- It’s important to make connections with other students to gain different points of views regarding lecture content.
Beat Deadlines by Setting Pre-Deadlines

- Doing assignments early means more time for video games and TV (or other productive activities).

Don’t Forget to Take Care of Yourself and Take Breaks when Needed

- Breaks are important especially when studying for exams, you do not want to overload your brain.
- You are your main priority because this is your education and your future!
Application Process

• Depending on the College or University you decide to apply to, the application process may or may not be different.
  
  • Admission requirements may vary among schools.
    
    • For example, FIU has the same application process for all students at the undergraduate level regardless of the learning format.
  
  • Always look out for any deadlines, as they may be different.
## ONLINE VS ON-CAMPUS
### AT FIU

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<th>FIU On-Campus</th>
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<td>On-Campus applicants are not assigned Enrollment Coordinators for one-on-one guidance in the admissions process but do have access to our Onestop Office for general questions and concerns.</td>
<td>FIU Online assigns Enrollment Coordinators who guide applicants in fully online programs from the application process all the way through their first enrollment.</td>
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<td>Orientation is available in person and virtually (additional cost).</td>
<td>Free Online Virtual Orientation.</td>
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<td>On-Campus students are required to provide immunization records.</td>
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<td>On-Campus success coaching is very limited to specific academic programs, if available.</td>
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STRIVE FOR SUCCESS!

• Always remember that online classes can be just as challenging as on-campus classes.

• Get excited, you are in college! Getting admitted and enrolling in courses is the first step.

• Use the easy tips shared in this presentation to help you keep yourself on track and on your way to your degree!
Questions.........
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