

Online Class Expectations
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Due to the nature of online learning, you may find the process drastically different from what you are accustomed to in traditional classrooms (or maybe you are a seasoned veteran of online learning). As much as possible, I have attempted to make the content and learning that takes place the same in my online classes as it is in my traditional classes. However, there are some differences that you must be prepared to accept when taking an online class. Namely, you must be willing to take charge of your learning. In other words, you must actively seek out ways to learn more about the subject matter. This includes taking the extra time to study additional sources such as internet sites, online databases, textbooks, experts, and your fellow classmates. (Keep in mind that when you use other sources in your writing, you must properly cite and reference them.) You should also be a critical judge of information and practice the process of critically analyzing information to determine its validity. Basically, don't believe everything you read. I will help guide you through the learning process but ultimately you must be responsible for educating yourself about the content.

Taking responsibility for your learning requires extra time. Because of this, you may find the assignment load for online classes to be more than you are traditionally used to in a college class for the same credit. However, this "extra" time is considered a substitute to the in class (face-to-face) time students traditionally spend in the classroom. This is good news because now you can learn on your own time, rather than being confined to someone else's schedule.

I hope you enjoy this course and I will do my best to assist you in the learning process. I appreciate any feedback (negative or positive) to help in teaching this class. If we work together the result will be an optimal learning environment in which we all can be successful.