

A Week in the Life... of a Successful Online Pre-College Student

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Typical Week's Expectations

Each 15 week course is organized by weeks which run MONDAY to SUNDAY.
Weekly quizzes, a final exam and a mid-term paper may be required IN ADDITION TO the coursework listed below.

<p>Monday Reading Day Approx 45 minutes</p>  Typically read 4-5 scholarly articles or watch a video clip. <p>Tip: Consider printing articles and underlining or highlighting important points.</p>	<p>Tuesday Work Day Approx 45 minutes</p>  Write drafts of your discussion post and assignments. Post today if finished. <p>Tip: Work ahead on one or two of Thursday's written assignments.</p>	<p>Wednesday Discussion Due Approx 45 minutes</p>  Check into discussion a few times each week. Add meaningful content and replies. <p>Sample Question: Which 5 factors have had the biggest impact on your education and why?</p>	<p>Thursday Assignments Due Approx 45 minutes</p>  There will be several written assignments each week. Post completed work to Dropbox. <p>Sample Assignment: Research 5 people from the list and write a brief (2-3 sentence) description of each.</p>	<p>Friday Work Day Approx 30 minutes</p>  Review posts from this week. What new insights did you gain from other's posts? <p>Add Meaningful content: When responding, make sure you have something meaningful to add, don't just say 'good post' or 'I agree.'</p>	<p>Sunday Responses Due Approx 30 minutes</p>  The usual expectation is to respond to at least 2 other class members.
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ONLINE LEARNING SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

Online learning requires slightly different skills compared to a face-to-face class.

<p>#1</p>	<p>READ THE SYLLABUS The syllabus is the road map for the entire course—note especially the grading guidelines and course expectations. Print a copy.</p>	<p>#5</p>	<p>MEET DEADLINES If you cannot meet a due date because of a significant issue or illness, contact your instructor as soon as possible, before the deadline.</p>
<p>#2</p>	<p>PLAN STUDY TIME EACH DAY Time management is vital for online students. Planning set times each day to study is what successful online students do most often.</p>	<p>#6</p>	<p>ASK QUESTIONS Concordia instructors expect students to ask questions. Make your questions count by being clear and concise in your wording.</p>
<p>#3</p>	<p>LOGON AT LEAST 4 TIMES PER WEEK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your Concordia email frequently • Check course announcements <p>Be an active member of your learning community which will enhance your online experience.</p>	<p>#7</p>	<p>BE ACTIVE IN DISCUSSIONS Reading AND thoughtfully responding to discussion questions are a critical part of online courses. Discussions build community with other learners and with the instructor.</p>
<p>#4</p>	<p>COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR Your courses are NOT taught by a computer. There is a human instructor available in every course to answer questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online learning should not be an isolated or lonely experience 	<p>#8</p>	<p>RELY ON YOUR OSSA Your Online Student Success Advisor is a great resource for help with ANYTHING related to your Pre-College experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your course for contact information • It's OK to ask for help.