

Success in Online Learning – Video Script

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Today's video is on strategies for online learning. My name is Dr. Annalisa Teixeira, Study Skills Coordinator at UC Davis.

In this video we will discuss 8 strategies for online learning success, covering organization, engagement and support.

Strategy 1 – get to know Canvas and “tour” each course. First, consult Canvas support documents to explore the functions of the learning management system. Explore each course right at the start of the quarter so you are familiar with the layout from the beginning.

Strategy 2 – like you would on social media, establish your ***digital identity. Edit your profile and add a picture. This will raise your visibility and make the online space more personal for all. Participate in discussions, both asynchronous, like forums, and synchronous, like conferences.

Strategy 3 – Customize your experience. Explore your user settings and set your notification preferences. Do you prefer messaging through e-mails, or texts? Find a way to cut down on the noise so that important messages reach you.

Strategy 4 – Have realistic expectations. Online courses ***do not mean less work, so don't assume they will be easier than face-to-face courses. They actually demand ***greater responsibility and self-management.

Strategy 5 – Manage time and stay motivated. Work through your procrastination and limit distractions. Make sure to block out time for specific courses in your planner so you don't get behind. Canvas' calendar tool is a great way stay on top of assignments.

Strategy 6 – Stay connected on the go. Don't just use Canvas on your laptop, download the app so you can access dates, messages, and documents on the go. Students who spend more time in an online course have been shown to achieve more?



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Strategy 7 – Meet up on campus. Just because you’re taking an online course doesn’t mean you can’t include face-to-face interaction. Ask the professor if they hold in person office hours, and use the chat or discussion tools to form study groups with others.

Lastly, strategy 8 – Reach out for support. This includes your professors and TAs, Canvas user support options, as well as Study Skills advising.

Sign up online for an appointment with me to discuss your online learning. We can discuss navigating technology, Canvas functionalities, time management, and focus and motivation, among other topics. You can also write me at ateixeira@ucdavis.edu.

In summary, we have looked at 8 strategies that can set you up for success in online learning, and how Study Skills can further support you in doing so. What are your next actions? What can you implement right away?

Want to follow up on this short video? We offer 50 minute workshops on time management and motivation in 114 South hall.

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