

Strategies for Online Learning.

Stetson's Academic Success department is here to support you as you complete the Spring 2020 semester through online learning. Below you will find tips and strategies that can be implemented to help you through this transition. Please remember to be flexible and gracious with yourself and your faculty as the Stetson community navigates through these unexpected changes.

1 Time Management

Managing your time during this transition will be an essential skill to practice. Make the most out of your time by staying organized and knowing when your assignments are due. Set aside time for assigned reading assignments, consider the duration of each assignment, and make sure to sign on to Blackboard daily.



2 Checking Email

During this period, email will be the university's primary form of communication with students. Be sure to check your Stetson email account daily and take a moment to locate email addresses for your faculty, faculty advisor, and other important services you may need to connect with.

3 Blocking Work Time

Creating a consistent schedule to dedicate to your coursework will allow you to develop a sense of normalcy during this transition. You can design a schedule to work on specific courses during the same days/times each week to develop a class routine.



4 Reassessing your Learning Style

You may find that you need a different approach when studying and learning in online classes. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the functions within Blackboard including uploading assignments, communicating with classmates, and taking timed assessments. Give yourself time to adapt to this new learning environment and know that you can always connect with a success coach on the Academic Success team.

5 Assumptions about Online Courses

Online courses are just as rigorous as in person courses. Don't assume online courses are easier or require less time and attention than traditional classes. Stay ahead of your course to avoid any more disruptions to your semester. Remember to log in daily, know the expectations for your class, and communicate with your instructor regularly.



6 Your Workspace

Find a quiet place where you can focus on your academics without distractions. Good lighting, comfortable seating, and a quiet location make a great difference when taking online courses. Be mindful of distractions such as social media, phone calls, and interactions with others while you are working on your courses.

7 Being Engaged and Present

Keep many of the same habits that you would normally have in a classroom. Continue to take notes, ask questions, and participate in class like you would in a classroom setting. Many courses will have discussion board assignments where you can connect with classmates and programs such as Teams or Zoom allow you to work on 'group projects' in a virtual setting.



8 Asking Questions

For questions related to your coursework you can reach out to your instructor through Blackboard, email, phone, or webcam. Contact them directly to set up a meeting when you have a question. Remember, this is a learning process for everyone!

9 Accountability

This semester you have the chance to develop a strong sense of self-accountability for your coursework as your courses move online. You can also partner with a peer to hold one another accountable for classes and submitting assignments in on time. Success coaches are also available to assist you through this.



10 Know YOUR Resources

Stetson resources will be available to you while you take distance learning courses. Academic Success services such as tutoring, SPI, success coaching, supplemental advising, accessibility services, and the writing center will be available through a report platform. Services through Career and Professional Development, Student Development and Campus Vibrancy, and many other services are still available. Visit the Stetson website for more information.