Student Resources

Online Learning Resources

General Tips:

General Links

- What Makes a Successful Online Learner?: https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/education/successonline.html

Best Practices: Turn off unnecessary programs during lectures/assessments. If you can, connect with a wired connection. Restart your computer a few hours before assessments to remove any hiccups.

Check your bandwidth limitations: Bandwidth Limitations

Make a Schedule - Time management will be more crucial than ever this year. Track when online classes are, when assessments are, and create a schedule for yourself. Some Apps to Consider Are:

- Microsoft Planner
- Google Calendar
- Microsoft Tasks
- Jorte
- Trello

Schedule time away from the computer - Staring at a screen for 8+ hours in a row literally sounds like a bad idea. Take FREQUENT 5-10 minute breaks every hour or so.

Create a Workplace - A designated place to work can be helpful to keep you on task. Try to remove any distractions.

Prioritize Your Health - Use mental health services from the Student Wellness Centre and create time for yourself to be away from schoolwork.

Keep in Touch - Reach out to other students and create study groups. It can be easy to feel isolated in an online environment, so reach out to your peers.

Ask for Help - Don't be afraid to reach out to your peers, instructors, or the school for help. Now more than ever, students asking for help must be normalized and encouraged.

Stay in the Loop - Check on new initiatives from the faculty frequently. For example, check the Student Success Centre on OscarPlus for workshops on developing helpful skills.
Staying Engaged:

**Remove Distractions** - Put away the phone, the music, whatever it is on your desk that will distract you. Watching an online lecture with your phone next to you is a recipe for disaster!

**Take Notes** - Even if profs are posting notes after lectures, take notes during lectures as well. Taking notes helps you reinforce concepts you are learning and stay engaged with the video.

**Ask Questions**: - Asking a question is extremely easy in an online atmosphere. Take advantage of this and ask away!

**Office Hours**: - If your prof is offering live office hours, take advantage of it. Attending live office hours can help build a sense of community and encourage you to stay engaged with class work. Profs want to connect with students.

Resources:

**Resources for Working with Poor Internet:**

- Strategies for Dealing with Low-Bandwidth Issues: [https://www.uwb.edu/it/student-continuity/low-broadband-issues](https://www.uwb.edu/it/student-continuity/low-broadband-issues)

**Helpful Apps:**

- Use an iPad? GoodNotes is an effective note taking app. Refer to the following link for tutorials: [https://support.goodnotes.com/hc/en-us/categories/360000080575-GoodNotes-5](https://support.goodnotes.com/hc/en-us/categories/360000080575-GoodNotes-5)