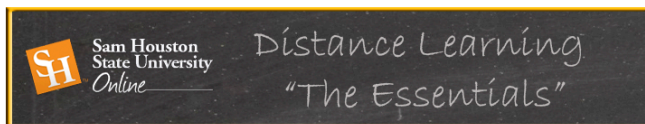


The Essentials

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You've most likely spent a good number of years inside of a classroom or similar instructional environment. Along the way you have learned how to behave and operate in those settings. For instance, you may have frequently raised your hand to ask a question and waited to be called upon. You contributed to discussion and probably excused yourself from the room. How do you think you will do that online?

Additionally, each person possesses strengths and weaknesses when it comes to learning. Some excel at test taking. Others need more time to comprehend when reading. You may notice some classmates are more willing to speak publicly than others, and some of us procrastinate more than others.

When learning online, it's important to know ourselves, especially our strengths and weaknesses, so we can adjust appropriately to the new environment and reach our full potential. This section will introduce you to the concept of online learning, provide some helpful tips and techniques for achieving success, and assist you in evaluating your readiness for learning online. To explore any of the topics below in more detail, click on the name of the topic. Use the Table of Contents or the next and back arrows to move through the material. When finished, use the breadcrumb trail or the Navigation Menu to return to the desired area.



What is Distance Learning?

Distance education or **distance learning** is a mode of delivering education and instruction, often on an individual basis, to students who are not physically present in a traditional setting such as a classroom. Distance learning provides access to learning when the source of information and the learners are separated by time and distance, or both.



How To Be a Successful Online Student



In any endeavor, you can take steps to ensure a successful result. Starting a journey with the right preparation and equipment can, in many cases, guarantee success. There are behaviors, strategies and technical things you can actively do to increase your chances of success in your online courses. This learning module covers these strategies.

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