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Online learners are required to ensure they fully understand the qualities and understanding of a successful learner. As an online learner, students have success when practicing and applying the following steps to improve their online learning success. Online courses provide more flexibility than traditional classroom courses, allowing the student to balance his or her life schedule more successfully with his or her class schedule. To get the most out of online learning experience, the student should review the following suggestions and strategies.

1. Read the course syllabus thoroughly and understand the course expectations.
2. Set a realistic schedule and ensure regular study time is established.
3. Set goals and deadlines to meet deadlines and assignment due dates.
4. Organize study schedule and create an electronic or weekly calendar and set reminders.
5. Stay in touch with the faculty and know your faculty preference on how and when they prefer to be contacted - via phone, text, email, online office hours, messenger, skype, or bluejeans.
6. Take time to evaluate progress by checking and calculating his or her own grades.
7. Plan time wisely and ensure time to study for test/quizzes.
8. Connect with classmates to create an engaging productive environment.
9. Discuss your progress with faculty and keep track of deadlines and submissions.
10. Login to the online environment regularly (at least four times a week) and complete assignments on time.
11. Study Time for Online Courses - For an online course of one (1) credit hour, a student is expected to spend four hours (4) per week studying the course materials.

If the student is uncomfortable after reviewing these steps, he or she should consider enrolling in a face-to-face class that is taught on campus. Remember, online learning is not for everyone. Although it is a convenient way to take classes, there are additional expectations when a student can enroll in online classes.