



Is Distance Learning RIGHT FOR ME?

LSC-Online at Lone Star College System is comprised of both online and hybrid classes.

Online classes allow students to obtain college credit without the need for traveling to one of Lone Star College System's campuses. The content and transferability of the courses are the same as traditional on-campus courses. In a manner similar to courses offered on-campus, instructors in online courses use a variety of learning activities via distance such as discussion, class projects, exams, presentations, and written papers.

Hybrid classes are those where face-to-face instructional delivery is regularly replaced by alternative delivery methods such as the Internet.

All courses are offered under the guidance of a qualified instructor and many require students to complete orientation activities at the beginning of the course. Students can complete the minimum associate degree requirements through LSC-Online. Students taking these courses have the same rights and responsibilities as they do in traditional campus-based courses.

Characteristics of Online Students

- Self-motivated, self-directed, self-paced,
- Excellent time management
- Able to complete work at non-traditional times
- Enjoy communicating via technology
- Moderately techno-savvy
- Learn visually through reading
- Able to focus at home to reduce commute
- Convenient and reliable access to the internet

Characteristics of Face-to-face Students

- More focused in a structured environment
- Require more direction as provided by a face-to-face teacher
- Enjoy face-to-face personal interaction
- Externally motivated, i.e. by a teacher or classmates
- Learn via listening and speaking or auditory
- Internet and email access are difficult
- Able to commute and commit time for class on campus



Skills required for online & hybrid classes

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Browse through directories to specific file
- Save a file to a specific drive and folder
- Recognize file extensions (example: .rtf, .doc, .jpeg)
- Close, minimize, and quit a program
- Use mouse click, double-click and right-click appropriately

WORD PROCESSING SKILLS

- Create and save a new file; open an existing file
- Enter and edit text
- Copy and paste/move text
- Change text format and style
- Set margins, spacing and tabs
- Check spelling, grammar, word usage
- Print a document
- Save in alternate formats, for example .rtf or .txt

INTERNET SKILLS

- Connect to an Internet service provider (ISP)
- Navigate to a specific URL
- Understand basic browser functions
- Access and use resources on the Internet and World Wide Web (www)
- Create a bookmark list

Contact Information

LSC–Online Helpdesk

Phone: 832.813.6700

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Web-site: online.LoneStar.edu

Live Chat: online.LoneStar.edu/57457/

Online Resources

LSC- Online – “Is Distance Learning right for me” site: online.LoneStar.edu/59363/

- Online Self Evaluation/ Assessment
- Online Learning Skills
- Sample Course – Student Orientation
- Preparing for Online Class

