



# ONLINE COURSE & STUDY TIPS

*When you're pursuing an online degree you are responsible for staying on track and finding what practices work best for you.*

## Staying Self-Motivated

Being disciplined and engaged with your coursework will help prevent cramming in all your responsibilities right before the due date.

It is easier to stay on track if you plan what time in your day will be dedicated to schoolwork. However, we don't often think about how important it is to also plan our free time. If we know we have dedicated parts of our days to recharge, it makes our necessary tasks feel a little less daunting and more productive.

## Meaningful Communication

Online students can be just as connected with their professors as if they were meeting face-to-face.

Reach out to your professor anytime you have a question or concern about the coursework. If the end of the semester comes and you are having any issues with the final exam or even a past grade, your professor will know you've been putting in your best efforts to make the most of your academic experience and be more likely to hear you out on the issues.



## Your Study Space

Having a dedicated space for your schoolwork is crucial to success. Not only will it help you stay organized, it will encourage a positive mindset around your studies. You are more likely to be productive in an area that is made for the task at hand.

## Technology Prep

Before you begin your online course, make sure your computer meets the **minimum requirements found [here](#)**. You'll also need to make sure you have a reliable Internet connection, DSL or Cable internet is recommended.

## Reach Out Early

If at any point you are feeling overwhelmed or like you are not able to complete some of your coursework, reach out as soon as possible to your professor. It is also important to reach out to your Online Academic Coaching Team here at WKU so you can be connected to more resources to help you through anything that comes your way. **[Schedule a meeting with a coach here.](#)**