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# AM I READY FOR ONLINE LEARNING?

## LEARNING STYLE / ATTITUDES

Are you a self-motivated person who accepts a high degree of responsibility for your own learning?

Yes No

Can you read and understand material independently?

Yes No

Do you avoid procrastination to ensure that tasks are completed prior to the deadline?

Yes No

Can you communicate effectively through writing, using proper grammar, spelling, and tone?

Yes No

Do you enjoy reflecting and sharing experiences as part of the learning process?

Yes No

Can you organize your time well, even when managing multiple demands?

Yes No

Are you comfortable with, and have the initiative to reach out to your instructors and peers to seek help as needed?

Yes No

Are you able to work independently with little direction?

Yes No

Do you consider yourself generally self-disciplined?

Yes No

When you experience a challenge, are you persistent and keep trying?

Yes No

Do you have access to a study environment that is conducive to remote learning?

Yes No

Are you willing to participate in building the class community that makes online learning valuable and robust?

Yes No

Are you prepared to participate in discussions/conversations that can challenge your ideas, beliefs, and understanding and respond in respectful and insightful ways?

Yes No

Do you understand that an online version of a course can be – and often is – inherently more challenging than the same course taken in an onground (face-to-face) modality?

Yes No

## **TIME COMMITMENTS**

Can you dedicate a minimum of 6 hours per week for activities and homework required for a two-credit online course that runs a full (fall or spring) semester?

Yes No

Can you dedicate a minimum of 10 hours per week for activities and homework required for a three or four-credit online course that runs a full (fall or spring) semester?

Yes No

Can you dedicate a minimum of 15 hours per week for activities and homework required for an accelerated / compressed (including Interim or Summer) online course??

Yes No

## **COMPUTER EQUIPMENT & SKILLS**

Is your computer less than 5 years old? (As a point of clarification, the age of the computer is an important consideration because older devices may not be able to run required software, perform timely updates causing a vulnerability to our network security, or have a high enough processing speed to effectively allow students to participate in remote courses including virtual sessions with or without camera usage.)

Yes No

Have you verified that your computer meets the minimum specifications for the type of work the online course requires?

Yes No

Do you have access to the Internet at home?

Yes No

Do you regularly check your USF e-mail?

Yes No

Do you know how to send and receive e-mail attachments?

Yes No

Are you comfortable in a “virtual environment” that includes participating in online discussions?

Yes No

Can you download and install a software program?

Yes No

Are you comfortable with and proficient at typing?

Yes No

Can you create, save, and retrieve files from installed and/or cloud-based software (Microsoft Office 365, Google, etc.)?

Yes No

Can you locate and use appropriate computer resources and technologies (such as databases, online catalogs, periodical indexes, and full text resources) available within a library?

Yes No

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS IF THE ONLINE COURSE IS ACCELERATED**

*If you are considering taking an online course during Interim Term or a Summer Session, or if the course is otherwise compressed or accelerated, please consider the following additional questions:*

Can you dedicate two to three times the number of hours per week, specified in the “Time Commitments” section above (based on the number of credits in the course?)

Yes No

Course content sometimes requires a certain amount of “soak time” between class sessions; that is, adequate time to study and ultimately develop a solid understanding of the material. Based on the nature of this course, do you believe you will have adequate “soak time” to develop that understanding of its content?

Yes No