

**Do you have what it takes to succeed in an online class? Take the following assessment and find out!**

**Part I: The Basics**

1. Do you have consistent/easy access (12-15 hours a week per online class) to a reliable computer with current software (see Online Student Handbook for specs)
  2. Does the computer you use have high speed Internet access?
  3. Do you have enough time to devote for an online class (for a three unit class, you will need 12-15 hours a week per online course during a 16-week semester)?
- If you answered YES to all of these questions**, you have the time and the technological tools to take an online course. But what are your chances of success in an online course? Take the survey below to find out.
- If you answered NO to any of these questions**, we recommend you do not take an online course at this time. Without these basics, you are unlikely to experience success in an online course.

**Part II: Skills for Success in an Online Course**

The survey below will help you determine if you have the specific skills to be successful in an online course. Please use the following rating scale to answer the statements below.

1 point  
strongly disagree
2 points  
disagree
3 points  
agree
4 points  
strongly agree

	<b>Your Score</b>
1. I am very comfortable using the Internet to find information.	
2. When I read course material (e.g., a textbook), I tend to understand and remember most of what I read.	
3. I do a good job of meeting deadlines and budgeting my time.	
4. I feel comfortable expressing myself and my ideas in writing.	
5. It is easy for me to read, understand, and follow directions.	
6. I tend not to procrastinate.	
7. It is not very important to me to have face-to-face interaction with my professor and with other students.	
8. In order to meet my educational goals, it is critical that I take an online course this semester.	
9. I am very comfortable using a word processing program, including cutting and pasting.	
10. I am good at working independently; I do not need someone looking over my shoulder to motivate me.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Add up your scores.

If you score **30-40**: Your score suggests that you are well-prepared to take an online course!

If you score **20-29**: Your results suggest that you may have difficulty succeeding in an online course. If you take an online course, you will need to focus on building these skills. You may wish to build these skills before enrolling in an online course.

If you score **0 -19**: Your score reflects that you are not ready to take an online course. Develop your computer, reading, and self-motivation skills if you wish to prepare yourself for online courses in the future.