

Is Online Learning for Me?

Take this quiz to find out if you are ready to take online classes. Circle "yes" or "no" for each of the ten statements that best describe you as a learner. Be as honest with yourself as possible as you respond to the questions.

1. Feeling a part of a class is an important part of my learning experience.	Yes	No
2. I have no problem asking questions or asking for help from either instructors, peer academic support leaders, or graduate assistants.	Yes	No
3. I like to read and have no problem understanding what I've read.	Yes	No
4. I'm a self-starter with the self-discipline to set a schedule and stick with it.	Yes	No
5. I feel comfortable reading and viewing material from various sources (textbooks, articles, websites) and integrating it on my own.	Yes	No
6. I am comfortable working independently without the aid of an instructor.	Yes	No
7. I have been a successful student in the past or consider myself a successful student now.	Yes	No
8. I feel competent in assessing my own progress, knowing what assignments are due, and performing well - even without frequent feedback from the instructor.	Yes	No
9. Prioritizing tasks and then accomplishing them before their deadlines is one of my strong points.	Yes	No
10. I have a specific, and quiet, area of my home, apartment, or residence hall where I can get online, study, and complete my course assignments.	Yes	No

Give yourself 1 point for every "yes" you circled and 0 points for every "no" response. Now total up your score. If you scored:

- **8-10 points** = You share key skills, attributes, and traits with other students who are successful in online courses. You are a good candidate for online learning.
- **5-7 points** = You have some of the characteristics needed to be successful in online courses, but you will have to work at it.
- **Under 5 points** = Online courses are probably not your best option. You may find that you would struggle in these types of courses.

Remember, results of these types of assessments should be viewed with caution. Even if you scored a low score on this quiz you could still succeed in online learning because not all learners fit one profile. With your determination and willingness to change some of your habits and attitudes, you could develop attributes need to do well in online courses!

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