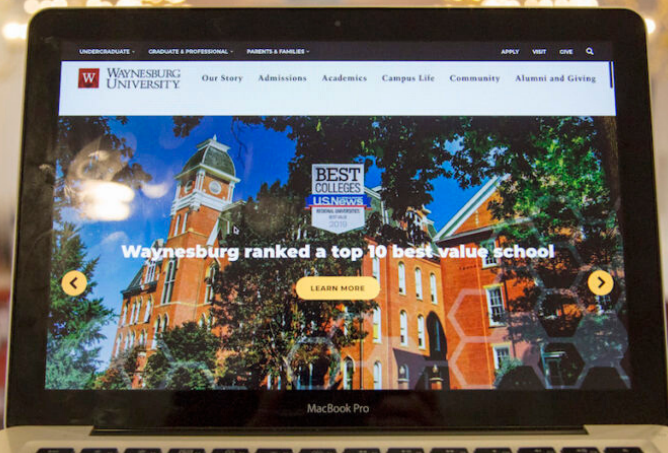




WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY

Succeeding in an Online Course

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additional resources and support.*



ONLINE LEARNING SUCCESS

Technology & Communication

Online classes require a certain degree of tech-savviness. Take time to familiarize yourself with Canvas by completing the Growing with Canvas training and exploring each course's set up and required tools. Check your course syllabus to see if you need any other technology, and make sure you regularly use your Waynesburg University student email to communicate with your instructors.

Pathways Center Tip: Without seeing the instructor in person weekly, it can be difficult to know how to communicate effectively, but it is still a critical component of success. Within the syllabus of each course, your instructor will indicate how they prefer to communicate and how long you can expect them to take to respond.



ONLINE LEARNING SUCCESS

Time Management

A vital component to success is your ability to manage your time well. You likely won't have the frequent reminders to complete work as you would in face-to-face class, and peer discussions about assignments may be limited. Be sure to organize due dates onto your calendar of choice and familiarize yourself with each course's unique structure.

Pathways Center Tip: Without the discipline to stay organized, it's very difficult to be successful in an online classroom setting. Before the class officially begins, familiarize yourself with the syllabus & general course content. Designate a workspace, and determine how much time will be needed each week in order to study and complete assignments, quizzes, and exams.



ONLINE LEARNING SUCCESS

Engagement

In order to truly learn and be successful in an online course, you need to be actively engaged with the course and its content. Online courses are not only comprised of possible synchronous time where your class meets virtually, but instruction may also be supplemented by readings of books, articles, and other resources; listening to recordings; or watching video recordings.

Pathways Center Tip: Actively participate in ongoing class discussions and utilize all of the content provided to you within the course modules. Because you are completing the class online, participation is where your learning is often evaluated and is where you have the best opportunity to engage with peers!