

Keys to Success in Online Courses

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What word best describes how you are feeling about online courses this semester?

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Pros and Cons of Online Courses

PROS

- Flexible
 - Time, location, working
- Save time
 - Commute, parking, walking
- Potential cost savings
 - Gas, eating out, clothing
- May be fewer distractions
- Might spend less time on school

CONS




- Requires personal discipline
- Lack of individualized teaching
- Missing peer interaction
- Time management is critical
- Access to technology
- Disconnection from campus resources



Technology Access

- Less than stellar Wi-Fi or computer
 - FREE hotspots and laptops for you to check out from ETSU.
 - Request one [here](#).
 - Go to campus, library, Starbucks, Taco Bell
 - Charter, Comcast and Xfinity have free WiFi offers currently available.
 - Charter - [click here](#) or call 1-844-488-8395.
 - Comcast I- to sign up, call 855-846-8376 (English) or 855-765-6995 (Spanish). Or [click here](#) for more information.
 - Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will now be FREE to anyone who needs them – visit www.xfinity.com/wifi.





What has been the most challenging part of getting organized for you?

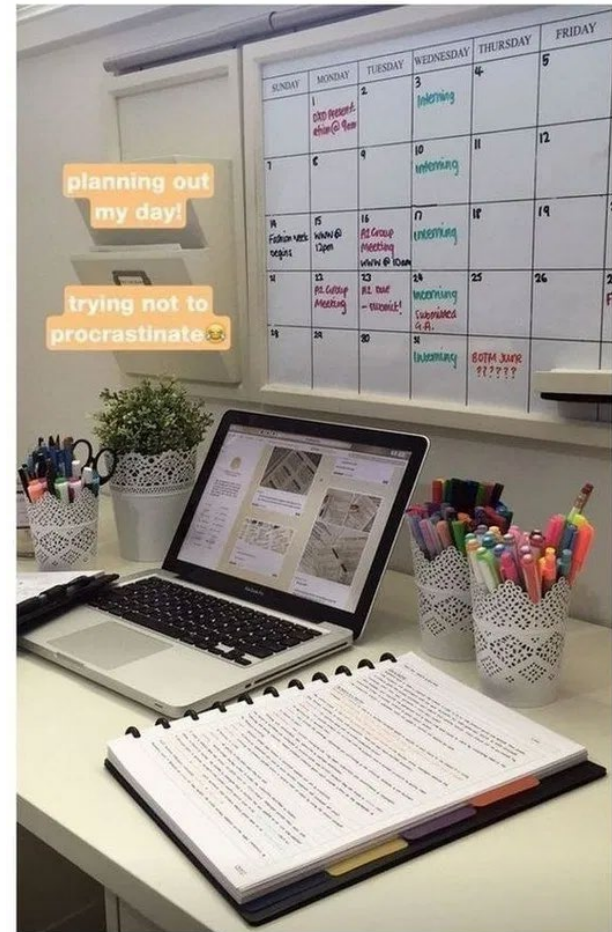
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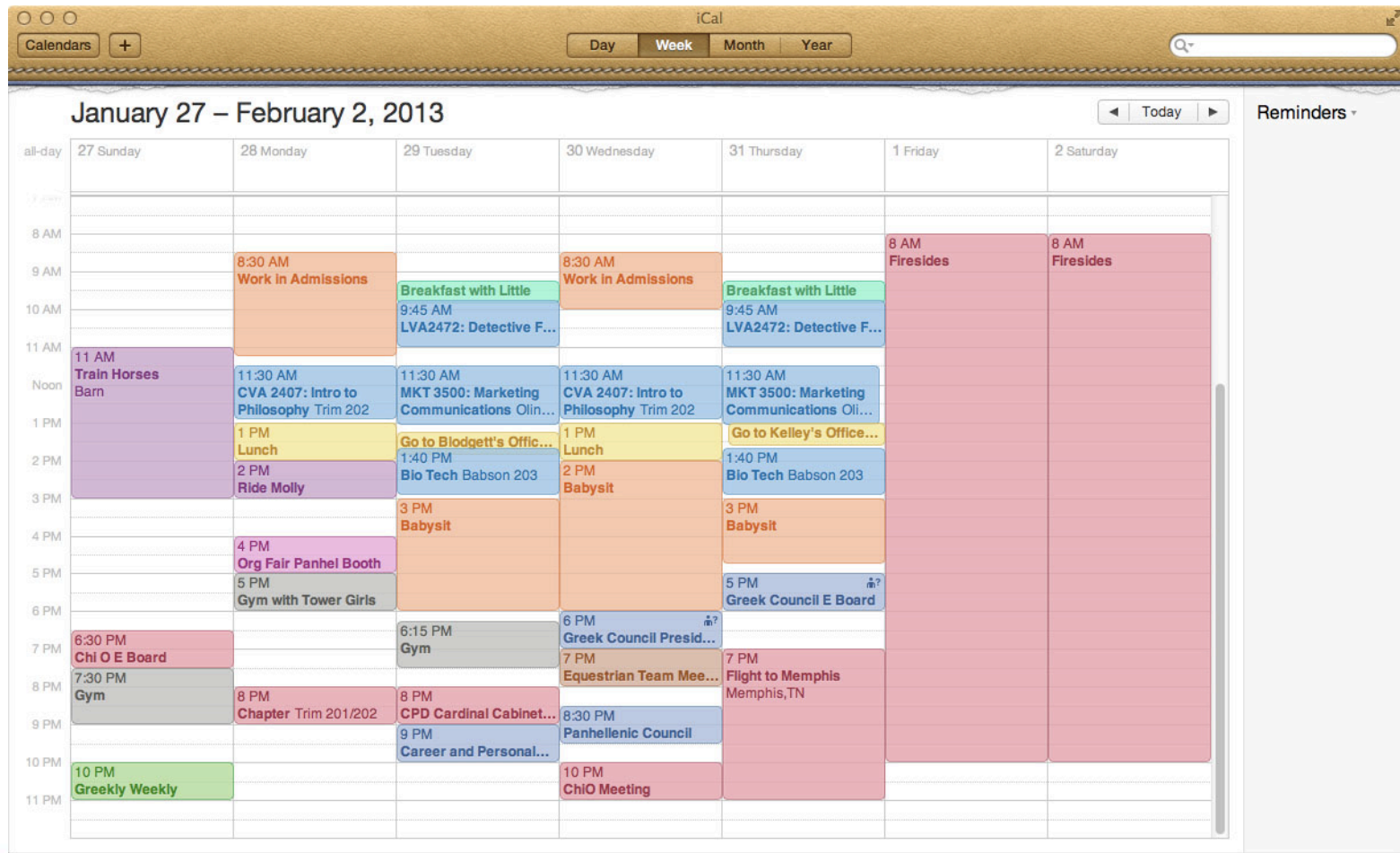
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Creating a Workspace

- Dedicate a space to school work
 - Desk or table
- Eliminate distractions
 - Phone, cat, etc.
- Have space and everything you need to take notes
- A dry erase or paper calendar is good for helping you visualize due dates, exams, assignments



Create a Weekly Schedule



Know What's Recurring and Upcoming

- Gather your syllabi and course schedules
- Add time to complete recurring assignments on your weekly schedule
 - Ex: Weekly discussion board, homework, readings, study for quiz
- Add exam dates and major projects
 - Schedule study time every week for every course
 - Break big projects down into manageable steps that you can complete each week





Please select which statement below best fits your approaches to online lectures.

Online lectures are just as beneficial to me as face-to-face lectures.

They're not great, but I'm managing pretty well.

I'm struggling a bit with focusing and understanding online lectures.

Please send help.

Maximize Lectures

- Treat your online lectures just like face-to-face lectures.
 - Synchronous
 - Glance over the material the lecture is supposed to cover before class
 - Camera on if possible
 - Take notes
 - Ask questions
 - Catch yourself drifting and refocus



Maximize Lectures (cont)

- Asynchronous
 - Have a weekly schedule
 - Space out your lecture recordings
 - Don't plan to watch them all at once. Complete all related readings and assignments as you go.
 - Take detailed notes
 - Keeps you engaged and helps you retain material
 - Don't forget that your professor is your #1 resource! Contact them with questions.



Stay on top of it!




- Check your email at least twice a day.
- Log into D2L every day and check each of your courses for changes.
- If you have questions about an assignment, don't hesitate to ask your teacher for help.
 - Don't know how to contact your teacher? Check the syllabus for contact info or go to D2L→Course→Communication→Classlist→Instructors.
 - They can't help if they don't know you need something.



Staying Motivated

- Keep a positive attitude
- Focus on what you can control
- Schedule breaks, time to relax, and socialize
- Set long and short term goals
 - How do your daily activities align with those goals?
- Celebrate your accomplishments
- Meet regularly with a tutor, academic coach, or mentor to keep you on track





What part of online course management do you need to improve the most? (1 word)

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Questions?



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