

Should I Take a Distance Education Course?*

Before enrolling in a distance learning course, please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. Your score on this test will help assess your likelihood for success in an online course.

Please choose the statement that best describes you. Check one for each question.

1. A. I have dependable and consistent access to the Internet.
B. I do not have consistent access to the Internet and/or I have dial-up access.
2. A. I am willing to spend extra time studying, if needed, due to the format of an Internet course.
B. I think this class will require less time than a regular class.
3. A. I understand that I am still responsible to meet the course requirements, due dates, and that some tests and/or labs may be given on campus.
B. I think Internet courses allow you to work at your own pace.
4. A. I am very familiar with communication via email.
B. I rarely use email.
5. A. I enjoy reading and feel that I comprehend materials easily.
B. I learn best with repetition and need to hear an instructor lecture.
6. A. I am confident in word processing (highlighting, formatting, and copying/pasting text).
B. I can type fairly well, but do not have other computer skills.
7. A. I will contact my instructor if I need help.
B. I would not feel comfortable calling an instructor.
8. A. I manage my time well and am very organized.
B. I am most comfortable when given class assignments one at a time.
9. A. I can communicate effectively in written form.
B. I prefer to communicate in person.
10. A. I understand that taking a distance learning course may require more work.
B. I think taking a distance learning class is easier.

Give yourself 1 point for every A answer and 0 points for every B answer. If you scored 7 or higher, you have a good chance of being successful in a distance learning course. If you scored below 5, we suggest that you reconsider enrolling in a distance learning course at this time.

SCORE: _____

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