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GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

eCourses

READINESS SURVEY

Instructions: Print out this page and fold or cover the right column with another piece of paper so you cannot see the point modifications. Circle your answer to each question, and then unfold the paper and total your results.

Part 1: Time Management	70	Begin with 70 points.
1. Which statement best describes your reason for taking an online course?		
I am looking for an easy class.		minus 4
My schedule does not allow me come to campus to take a regular classroom-based class.		no change
I am comfortable with the subject matter of the course and believe I would do well working on my own.		plus 3
I have taken online classes before and prefer them to classroom-based classes.		plus 5
2. Including this online course, how many total credit hours will you be taking?		
Less than 12 hours		plus 3
12-15 hours		plus 2
16-18 hours		minus 1
More than 18 hours		minus 3
3. If you are working, how many hours a week do you work?		
0-10 hours/week at my job		plus 3
10-15 hours/week at my job		plus 1
15-25 hours/week at my job		minus 1
More than 25 hours/week at my job		minus 3
4. How much work do you think an online class will be compared to a regular class?		
An online class will probably be about the SAME amount of work		no change
An online class will probably be LESS work		minus 5
An online class will probably be MORE work		plus 3
I am not sure just how much work an online class will be		minus 1
5. How many hours each week do you think the course work for a 3 credit online course will take?		
2-4 hours/week for this class		minus 5
5-7 hours/week for this class		no change
8-9 hours/week for this class		plus 3
I am not sure how much time it will take		minus 1

6. How many hours will you have available each week to do work for your online course?

2-4 hours/week for this class	minus 5
5-7 hours/week for this class	no change
8-9 hours/week for this class	plus 3
I am not sure how much time it will take	minus 1

7. Do you currently use the Internet for research , class assignments and homework?

I always start by checking the Internet	plus 3
I start with library research and then check the Internet	plus 2
I prefer to use books because the Internet is often unreliable	minus 1
I don't know how to do research on the Internet	minus 3

8. How efficient are you at finding things on the Internet?

I am very efficient, using search engines, including advanced search options	plus 3
I am pretty efficient, since I use a good search engine	plus 1
I do okay, but sometimes I cannot find what I am looking for	minus 1
I have a lot of trouble finding what I am looking for on the Internet	minus 3

9. How good are you at meeting deadlines for a project?

I generally meet my deadlines	plus 3
I meet deadlines most of the time	plus 2
I sometimes have to ask for an extension on the deadline	minus 2
I have a lot of trouble getting work done by the deadline	minus 3

10. How do you schedule your study time?

I set aside a scheduled time every day to study	plus 3
I try to study every day, depending on what is due	plus 1
I don't study every day, but I pay attention to due dates	no change
I'm really busy, so I just study whenever I can	minus 3

TOTAL FOR TIME MANAGEMENT:

90-100 : you are destined to learn online!
80-90 : you will probably really enjoy an online course!
70-80 : an online course should work for you!
less than 70 : warning!! You may experience some frustration or problems when taking an online course. Are you sure you have the time to be taking an online course? Remember: online courses usually require as much time, and often more time, than a regular classroom-based class.

Part 2: Technology	70	Begin with 70 points.
1. Do you share your computer at home?		
I don't have a computer at home		minus 5
I am the only person using my computer at home		plus 3
The computer is shared, but I can use it whenever I need to for school		minus 1
The computer is shared, and sometimes I have to wait to be able to use it		minus 2
2. How would you rate your typing speed?		
I type slowly		minus 3
My tying skills are okay		no chanse
I type pretty fast		plus 2
I am an excellent typist		plus 3
3. Where do you plan to do the work for this class?		
I will be using my computer at home to do most of the work for this class		plus 3
I will be using a computer in a computer lab to do most of my work for this class		no change
I will be using my work computer (on my own time) to do most of the work for this class		minus 2
I am not sure where I will do the work for this class		minus 3
4. What kind of Internet connection do you have at home?		
I use highspeed cable modem or DSL		plus 3
I use dialup or other internet service provider		minus 1
I use a smart phone		minus 2
I don't have an Internet connection at home		minus 5
5. How reliable is your home computer?		
I don't have a computer at home		minus 5
My computer is not reliable and I often have trouble with it		minus 4
My computer works well and is reliable		plus 1
My computer is new and works great!		plus 3
6. How do you feel about trying out new thing things on the computer?		
I get very frustrated trying new things on the computer		minus 5
I really don't like trying new things on the computer		minus 3
I like to try new things on the computer, but I get a little nervous		plus 1
I love trying new things on the computer all the time		plus 3

7. What kind of virus protection do you have on your computer at home?		
I don't know if I have any virus protection		minus 3
I rely on my email service to protect me from viruses		minus 2
I have an antivirus program, but I'm not sure it's up to date		minus 1
I have an antivirus program that is updated automatically		plus 3
8. How often do you check your email?		
I check email every couple of hours		plus 3
I check email two or three times per day		plus 3
I check email at least once a day		plus 2
I don't check my email on a regular basis		minus 5
9. How do you manage the documents on your computer?		
I keep everything everything in carefully named folders and sub-folders		plus 3
I usually just save stuff on the Desktop or in MyDocuments		no change
I save my stuff mostly on a USB drive, not on a hard drive		minus 2
I get confused figuring out where I've saved documents		minus 3
10. Do you have a printer, speakers, microphone and webcam for your computer?		
Yes, I have all the above		plus 3
I have a printer and speakers		plus 2
No, I have a computer but none of the peripheral devices		minus 1
No, I don't have a computer		minus 5
TOTAL FOR TECHNOLOGY:		

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70-80 : an online course should work for you!
less than 70 : warning signals!! Having reliable computer resources is essential in taking an online course. And even though you are not expected to have any specialized computer skills, you should feel comfortable using the internet, email and doing your class assignments using the computer.

Part 3: Class Preferences	70	Begin with 70 points.
1. What kind of class do you like best?		
Big lecture class, with professor lecturing most of the time		minus 3
Medium-sized class, with professor lecturing and some student interaction		plus 1
Medium-sized class, with professor lecturing most of the time		minus 1
Small class, with lots of student interaction		plus 3
2. Which of class activities do you like the MOST?		
I like listening to lectures		minus 3
I like class discussion		plus 3
I like reading for class.		plus 3
I like research and writing papers		plus 3
3. If you could avoid one class activity, what would you AVOID?		
I would avoid sitting and listening to lectures.		plus 3
I would avoid the reading for class		minus 3
I would avoid research and writing papers		minus 3
I would eliminate class discussion		minus 3
4. Which statement best describes you?		
Staying focused is really hard for me; I am easily distracted		minus 3
I have to force myself to stay focused or else I will get distracted		minus 2
I have good concentration and I don't get distracted too often		plus 2
I have excellent powers of concentration; nothing can distract me		plus 3
5. What is your preferred way to study?		
I like to study with friends		no change
I like to study on my own, using my computer		plus 3
I like to study on my own, usually away from my computer		no change
I don't have a lot of time to study		minus 5
6. How much do you read for your classes?		
I rely mostly on notes from class since I don't always have time to read		minus 3
I do some of the required reading and take good notes in class		minus 1
I try to do all the required reading for class		plus 2
I do all the required reading and some extra recommended reading too		plus 3

7. How good are you at reading and following written instructions?	
I read instructions very carefully and usually do not have any problems	plus 3
I sometimes have to go back and read the instructions again	plus 1
I constantly refer to the instructions when I am doing something	no change
I have a lot of trouble following written directions	minus 5
8. How would you rate your writing skills?	
I think I am a pretty good writer	plus 3
I would like to learn how to write better	plus 3
I write okay	minus 1
I am not a very good writer	minus 3
9. What is your biggest concern about an online class?	
I worry about having enough personal contact with the teacher	plus 1
I worry about having enough personal contact with the other students	plus 2
I worry about not knowing how to do things on the computer	minus 3
I have no concerns: I really want to take an online course!	plus 3
10. Have you taken an online course before?	
Yes, I took an online course before and I really liked it	plus 3
Yes, I took an online course before and it was okay	plus 1
No, I have never taken an online course before	no change
No, but I have taken a correspondence course	plus 1
TOTAL FOR CLASS PREFERENCES:	

90-100 : you are destined to learn online!
80-90 : you will probably really enjoy an online course!
70-80 : an online course should work for you!
less than 70 : warning signals!! You may be the kind of student who would prefer taking a classroom-based class rather than working in an online environment, which places a heavy emphasis on reading and writing. You should learn as much as you can about the online course you want to take, in order to make sure it is the right course for you.