

## **Profile of a Successful Student**

Successful online students engage in these types of behaviors:

1. Actively participate in the course.
  - a. They remain engaged in discussion board activities.
  - b. They thoughtfully respond to other students' postings.
  - c. They keep an open mind when reading texts and consider historical time periods before generating discussion and while writing.
  - d. They secure good Internet connectivity and check email and the course if not each day, every other day.
2. Interact with others
  - a. Students ask questions of one another and their instructor
  - b. They give encouragement wherever appropriate.
  - c. They raise dissenting opinions where appropriate.
3. Stay on schedule
  - a. Students plan their work in order to allow plenty of time to accomplish tasks.
  - b. Plan for interruptions and technology problems by saving work in multiple places and "scheduling me time."
4. Use good study habits
  - a. Students read the assignments
  - b. They do required work, so timely feedback may be offered for improvement.
  - c. They heed their instructor's advice when making revisions but also learn to make judgment calls about their work.
  - d. Keep all school related materials in one place.
  - e. Work only when rested and well-fed (which isn't often for most of us, I know, but do try.)
  - f. Re-read assignments when necessary for further understanding.
  - g. Always ask questions.

Most importantly, successful online students set out to have fun in the course and expect to learn new things! I know you will not be disappointed!