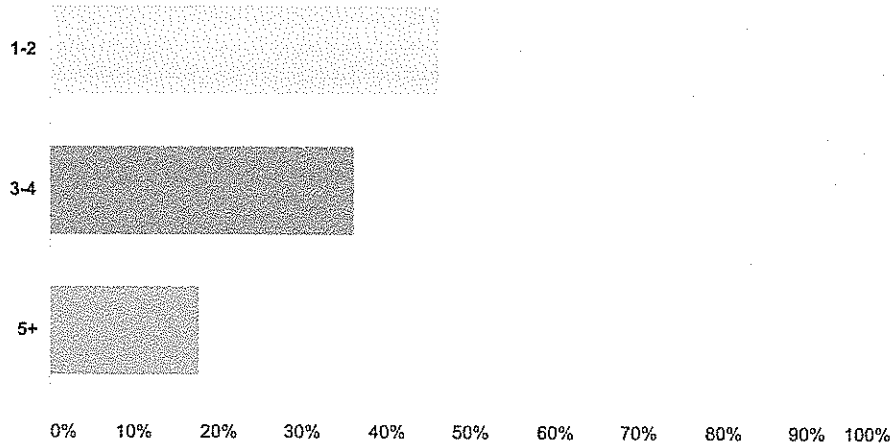


# Q1 How many online courses have you taken at COD?

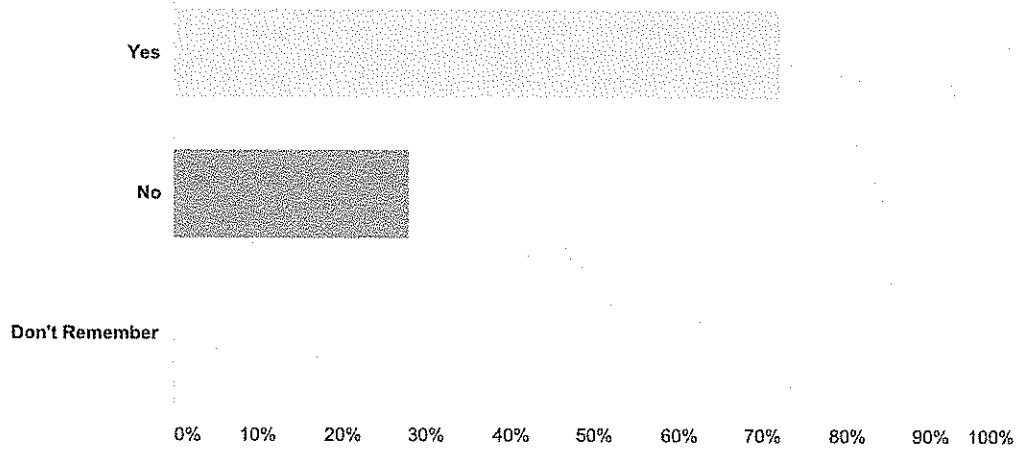
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Answer Choices	Responses	
1-2	46.15%	60
3-4	36.15%	47
5+	17.69%	23
<b>Total</b>		<b>130</b>

**Q2 During the fall 2015 semester, did you also take a traditional, face-to-face course at the same time you took an online course?**

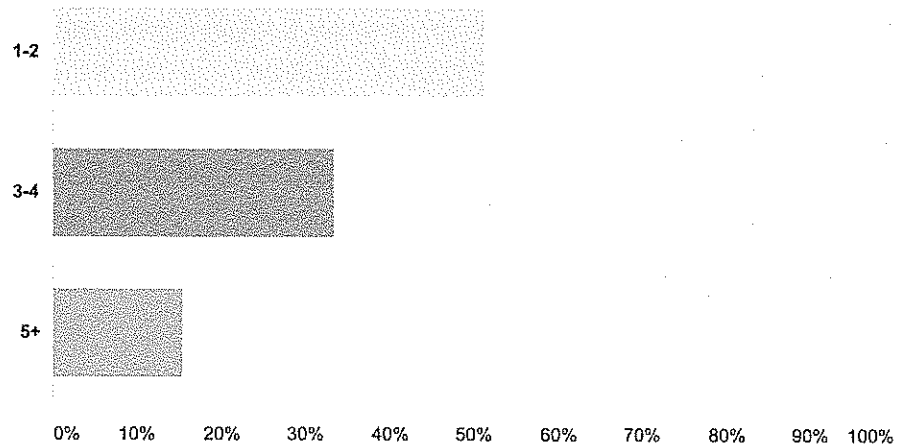
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	72.09%	93
No	27.91%	36
Don't Remember	0.00%	0
Total		129

**Q3 In how many online courses have you received or expect to receive a passing grade of C or better?**

Answered: 129 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
1-2	51.16%	66
3-4	33.33%	43
5+	15.50%	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>129</b>

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### Q4 What was the biggest challenge you faced during your first online course?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 10

#	Responses	Date
1	Not being accountable to a teacher face to face, I found myself struggling to keep up, I did not ask for help. I do better in a traditional class environment.	1/16/2016 11:49 AM
2	Confusing and vague information from instructors. Also had a few problems with communication between me and the instructor	1/14/2016 4:31 PM
3	Communication	1/12/2016 9:06 PM
4	Teacher didn't help answering questions promptly. Also, there were assignments not related with the subjects.	1/11/2016 10:27 PM
5	Keeping up with the due dates. It's hard to discipline yourself to keep on top of things. I also didn't like that I didn't know what my instructors looked like.	1/11/2016 9:00 PM
6	how to start as a new student, there was not an introductory session, through trial and error I made my way through	1/11/2016 3:52 PM
7	I took a computer literacy class online. The system was full of glitches, which turned such an easy class into a pile of frustrations.	1/8/2016 7:38 PM
8	Making sure I submitted assignments before the date and time it was due.	1/8/2016 6:08 PM
9	I think it was a little harder for me since it was my first time and I'm more of a hands on	1/7/2016 12:51 PM
10	Getting used to the tools and discussions.	1/7/2016 8:32 AM
11	The professor does not know how to do that kind of work	1/5/2016 11:46 PM
12	Is how to find my way through the portal	1/5/2016 10:17 PM
13	Its very difficult! I am learn better when its hands on instead of teaching myself. But I also believe that this will help me be a bit more independent since i have to teach myself the material.	1/5/2016 11:25 AM
14	Teachers do their online formats differently so you have to initially try and figure out where to get your information for assignments. It would work better if it was more uniform in structure	1/5/2016 10:46 AM
15	if anything it was getting an A	1/2/2016 12:38 AM
16	I missed out on the teachers incight on the class and their ability to get the class motivated	12/31/2015 7:56 PM
17	[REDACTED] d not answer questions. She was very negative. All other teachers very responsive	12/31/2015 7:11 AM
18	I had difficulty studying for my quizzes and tests because of the lack of study guides. I was never sure of what the test was based on.	12/30/2015 8:01 PM
19	nothing really	12/30/2015 10:25 AM
20	Lack of organization	12/30/2015 8:31 AM
21	Keeping up with all the reading, homework and discussion boards.	12/30/2015 12:16 AM
22	To find my personal time to do the assignments in order to turn it in on time.	12/29/2015 9:05 PM
23	Doing my homework without having someone there to remind me.	12/29/2015 7:20 PM
24	staying organized and not falling behind	12/29/2015 12:56 PM
25	You pretty much have to teach yourself the material. Online course should have more instruction like instruction videos from the professors.	12/28/2015 2:08 PM
26	The Speed of the course: It was way too slow, and I'd often times forget that I had word to do.	12/27/2015 3:20 PM
27	Nothing really. The instructor's first assignment was to make a blog so all the students will know how to navigate the course through blackboard which most of us did.	12/23/2015 7:34 PM
28	Getting used to blackboard.	12/22/2015 9:11 PM
29	Not knowing what to expect	12/22/2015 8:41 AM

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30	Personally did not face any major challenges in my online courses.	12/21/2015 9:19 PM
31	I didn't know how to use it I had problems finding the assignment.	12/21/2015 7:19 PM
32	Teachers would sometimes not respond soon enough through their email. Navigating through the different links on blackboard at first is kind of tough, you need to get use to it.	12/21/2015 6:15 PM
33	I could not get ahold of my professor. Very unprofessional. As a result of no communication on her part, I missed deadlines, and wasn't given the proper instructions on assignments.	12/21/2015 4:28 PM
34	remembering when assignments were due	12/21/2015 1:47 PM
35	Understanding what was expected. Time management.	12/21/2015 10:02 AM
36	Professors having problems syncing my grades from the labs.	12/21/2015 7:36 AM
37	Nothing really	12/21/2015 5:41 AM
38	The biggest challenge I faced during my first online course was how to post a response to a discussion forum. I now know that I need to enter the discussion by "creating a thread".	12/21/2015 12:30 AM
39	The grades weren't always up to data.	12/20/2015 9:40 PM
40	Staying up to date on assignment deadlines.	12/20/2015 8:41 PM
41	Figuring out exactly what the teachers wanted. Instructions were often vague and sparse, although still adequate, i guess lol.	12/20/2015 7:59 PM
42	The test were timed and you had to answer the question before moving on to the next. I wish it would have shown all the questions so I could answer the ones I knew first and go back to the more challenging questions.	12/20/2015 7:48 PM
43	procrastinating, i am not very good with technology and checking black board and learn how to use it it was a big challenge.	12/20/2015 6:38 PM
44	Working with others who did not do their part in peer review	12/20/2015 5:42 PM
45	Getting my homework to download into blackboard to turn in my assignments. i had a newer version of office.	12/20/2015 5:37 PM
46	Professors being organized	12/20/2015 11:59 AM
47	Having to write long papers for the midterm and final...	12/19/2015 8:11 PM
48	How much work it is. You have to basically teach yourself, which I have not liked. There needs to be more video, more chat and teacher interaction. I feel like the teachers just upload a template and you work through it which is not fun or educational. There needs to be a way to have more instant access for questions etc.	12/19/2015 7:18 PM
49	understanding the the book i was reading for the class.	12/19/2015 3:01 PM
50	It is a lot more work and I initially was challenged with prioritizing things correctly to fit my life.	12/19/2015 11:47 AM
51	Communication with the instructor	12/19/2015 11:31 AM
52	It is difficult to understand assignment, because sometimes e-mail may not describe well, I would like to have face to face course.	12/19/2015 10:13 AM
53	Not knowing how to use blackboard	12/19/2015 7:38 AM
54	Learning how to post assignments	12/18/2015 8:41 PM
55	none, it was easy took a couple of days to be familiar with the system, but no more than a week	12/18/2015 7:37 PM
56	I didn't face any challenges, it went smoothly.	12/18/2015 5:01 PM
57	Sometimes remembering to log in and check what was due for the week. I wouldn't remember until a day or two before work was due, so sometimes I was in a hurry to finish work.	12/18/2015 3:57 PM
58	No complaints	12/18/2015 2:35 PM
59	instructions not clear enough. awful design.	12/18/2015 2:27 PM
60	My computer was too slow back then	12/18/2015 11:34 AM
61	Making sure I understand the class	12/18/2015 10:39 AM
62	Being in control of my own destiny.	12/18/2015 10:20 AM
63	The timing and managing the assignments without announcements.	12/18/2015 9:32 AM

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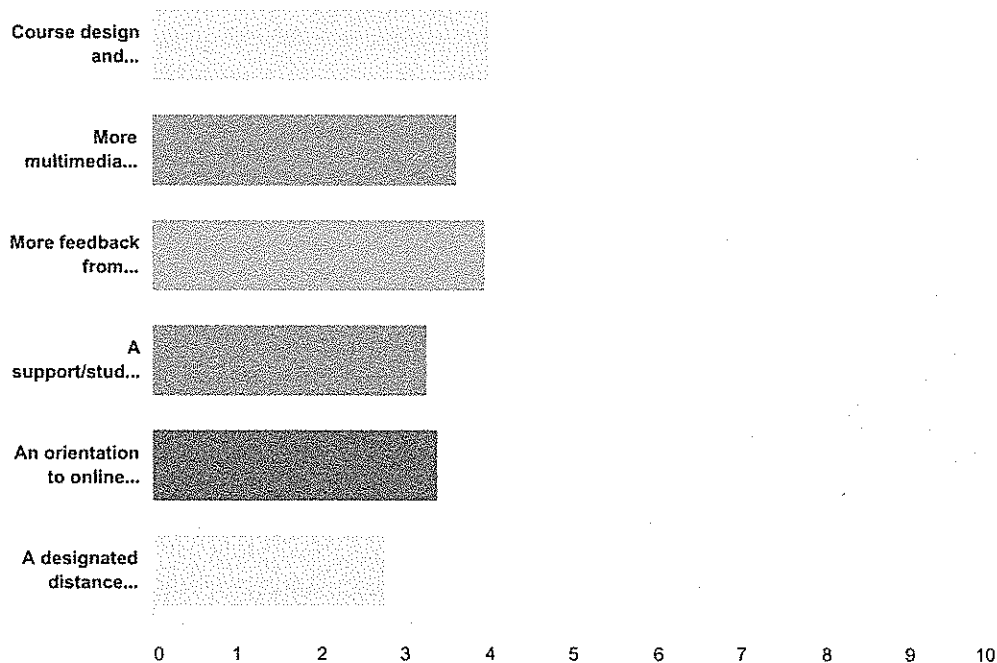
64	The biggest challenge I faced was to keep track of everything that was due and also managing my time properly.	12/18/2015 9:26 AM
65	figuring out what I needed to do, in order to start posting my work.	12/18/2015 9:19 AM
66	None	12/18/2015 8:41 AM
67	Navigating the online interface	12/18/2015 6:54 AM
68	Time Management	12/18/2015 4:29 AM
69	At first it was hard, but with the help of my proffesor she helped me to learn on how to study the material And was very helpfull when I had a question. As soon as you get adjusted everything else false onto place.	12/18/2015 12:35 AM
70	Issues navigating in some classes. Sometimes I missed assignments because I didn't find them.	12/17/2015 11:10 PM
71	Keeping motivated.	12/17/2015 10:01 PM
72	Staying focused and remembering to check blackboard	12/17/2015 9:51 PM
73	Getting started. Missing some assignments because it took a minute to figure out how it all works.	12/17/2015 9:35 PM
74	to manage doing everything at my own time	12/17/2015 9:28 PM
75	No challenge, other than having to figure out how to use blackboard.	12/17/2015 9:10 PM
76	Biggest challenge is the professor being organized on the online content.	12/17/2015 9:09 PM
77	Time management, as in remembering to get things in by the due dates.	12/17/2015 8:30 PM
78	commutation, some teachers are unclear on what they want, I'm sure its clear in there head when they make there semester plan, but some teachers just expect students to know what they want. Online programs should be looked at by more than one teachers to make sure things are clear, since it sometimes takes teachers days to respond to an email, or teachers need to have access to there email constantly through out the work week, its hit and miss with some teachers, I've had 1 horrible teacher online and 3 great ones.	12/17/2015 7:49 PM
79	The large amount of homework	12/17/2015 6:52 PM
80	The biggest challenge I've faced with online courses is remembering to post a discussion in forums	12/17/2015 6:48 PM
81	The biggest challenge I faced (and still face) is understanding what a professor expects for an assignment. Lots of response questions in the forums/ discussions have been really ambiguous. Are we expected to write a paragraph? A couple paragraphs? I wish professors used more examples when assigning essays or any other type of work. It helps us know what a professor is looking for in our own work.	12/17/2015 6:26 PM
82	keeping track of assignments and computer problems	12/17/2015 6:26 PM
83	EXAMS only opened on Saturday and Sunday--WTH??? Its an online class, the whole point is flexibility! I arranged a certain number of study hours per class during the day while my children were at school...but I have no internet connection and no childcare on weekends, so the weekend quizzes were always a nightmare! I emailed the professor a week before the quiz thanksgiving weekend, I was traveling and the weekend was going to be even more difficult. I asked if he could open the quiz for me one day EARLY, I never even got a response. That was disrespectful and set me up for failure. Lack of feedback from Professor: literally ZERO response to emails, ZERO feedback on Assignments, Essays and Discussion Boards. In mandatory discussion board responses, students would say things that made no sense, be off topic... professors never participated in the conversation, not even to set facts straight. I doubt much information was retained, and the info that was could have been false. Glitches in the programs. Incompatibility with browsers. I spent half my study time just trying to get all the different tech systems to work. Online component of math course- difficultly imputing answers, needs to be fine tuned, maybe shortcut keys? Professors should be utilizing the online medium. Interactive, fill ins, short videos, click and discover sort of stuff would be nice. Oh, and for online classes and regular, can the professors please make up their mind about the necessary material??? I had two classes Fall 2015 where I never cracked the book once, all I needed was the online access codes. If they'd given me that info at the beginning I would have saved \$\$\$ BTW... the question below is formatted really bad. ALL the things listed are important... Top 3, Feedback, Distance learning center, course design.	12/17/2015 5:51 PM
84	The biggest challenge was learning how to use blackboard, but it wasn't too complicated.	12/17/2015 5:17 PM
85	Staying on task while at home	12/17/2015 5:02 PM
86	navigating the site and links that professors provided	12/17/2015 5:02 PM
87	It was hard to turn in homework sometimes. It honestly depends on the teacher and they have it set up.	12/17/2015 4:39 PM
88	Getting used to Blackboard - and it was not that big challenge.	12/17/2015 4:38 PM
89	Instructor communication. I am take online courses because of my time restraints. I'm a decent student, when I need help I really need help. If I can't get the help I need I'm limited.	12/17/2015 4:18 PM

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90	PREPARING AND STUDYING FOR COURSE, CAN BE VERY EASY AT FIRST, BUT NEED TO REALLY FOCUS AND STAY ON TRACK. TEST CAN ONLY BE DONE ONCE AND IF MISSING CORRECT ANSWERS GRADE DROPS DRASTICALLY.	12/17/2015 4:17 PM
91	In summer 2015 semester, I thought it will be hard on the first time on the online assignment. I send a email to my teacher for information. My teacher give me information and I understand what should I do. I did the online and I got an "A."	12/17/2015 4:12 PM
92	Getting used to the systems that were being used (i.e. SAM)	12/17/2015 4:08 PM
93	No challenge everything was well explained on how to navigate blackboard for the course	12/17/2015 4:05 PM
94	Keeping up with fast-paced assignments.	12/17/2015 3:47 PM
95	N/A	12/17/2015 3:30 PM
96	Time	12/17/2015 3:22 PM
97	<del>Not having the instructor readily available for questions if needed.</del>	12/17/2015 2:40 PM
98	My first on-line class was bit difficult because I had to learn how to use the blackboard. But, this year I had no challenges. The professor was great.	12/17/2015 2:35 PM
99	Getting to manage time.	12/17/2015 2:26 PM
100	Understanding a class Programme	12/17/2015 2:20 PM
101	The biggest challenge, I think, is getting used to doing assignments, especially tests, in an online format rather than in person. The test system in particular took some getting used to.	12/17/2015 2:20 PM
102	Dealing with the possibility of being dropped by a professor for missing a check in time.	12/17/2015 2:01 PM
103	Learning how to navigate through the course	12/17/2015 1:22 PM
104	Lack of assistance and resources to complete assignments	12/17/2015 12:57 PM
105	professors over assigning assignments	12/17/2015 12:55 PM
106	<del>Not hearing back from the teacher within a timely manner.</del>	12/17/2015 12:55 PM
107	trying to navigate the website	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
108	Internet issues that arise	12/17/2015 12:46 PM
109	<del>The clarity in instructions for assignments</del>	12/17/2015 12:39 PM
110	Learning how to post, organizing my work so that I kept up with the due dates.	12/17/2015 12:29 PM
111	<del>No teaching at all; teachers didn't help at all</del>	12/17/2015 12:25 PM
112	<del>I was not able to speak to teacher face to face. No office hours</del>	12/17/2015 12:22 PM
113	In my first online course the biggest problem was knowing where to find everything. I had a professor who separated everything into different links and folders which made it difficult to find assignments and something as simple as the syllabus. Following classes have not been the same though.	12/17/2015 12:13 PM
114	Managing my time to complete all the assignments.	12/17/2015 12:09 PM
115	Being self-disciplined	12/17/2015 11:40 AM
116	<del>Unfamiliarity With Blackboard. The online instructor(s) were not aware or overly understanding of this circumstance that some students find themselves in. Everyone has a first time for everything, including blackboard</del>	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
117	The challenge of staying organized and disciplined in turning in assignments and exams on time.	12/17/2015 11:11 AM
118	Some content wasn't interesting. For instance, political science may have been more interesting in person because there would have been more interaction. Instead we just read a chapter, answered a question, responded to questions and then took tests.	12/17/2015 11:01 AM
119	Time Management	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
120	Meeting forum post deadlines.	12/17/2015 10:44 AM

**Q5 In your opinion, what would most help students be more successful in online classes? (Rank in order)**

Answered: 129 Skipped: 1

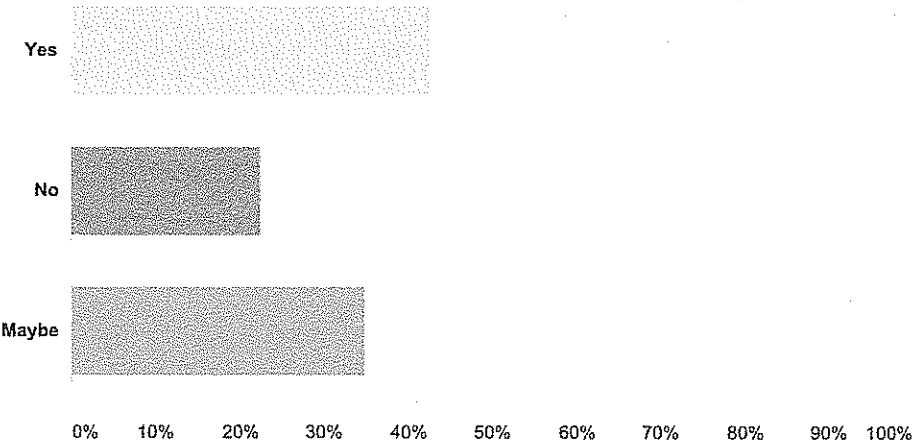


	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Score
Course design and organization that are consistent in all classes.	31.62% 37	19.66% 23	10.26% 12	11.11% 13	9.40% 11	17.95% 21	117	3.99
More multimedia lectures or resources	17.24% 20	13.79% 16	20.69% 24	20.69% 24	16.38% 19	11.21% 13	116	3.61
More feedback from instructors.	16.10% 19	25.42% 30	21.19% 25	19.49% 23	10.17% 12	7.63% 9	118	3.95
A support/student group of other online students.	9.40% 11	11.97% 14	18.80% 22	24.79% 29	23.93% 28	11.11% 13	117	3.25
An orientation to online learning.	17.95% 21	16.24% 19	15.38% 18	11.97% 14	13.68% 16	24.79% 29	117	3.38
A designated distance education office on campus	8.20% 10	9.84% 12	13.11% 16	13.93% 17	27.87% 34	27.05% 33	122	2.75



**Q6 If College of the Desert offered an in-person orientation to online learning, would you have attended before taking your first online class?**

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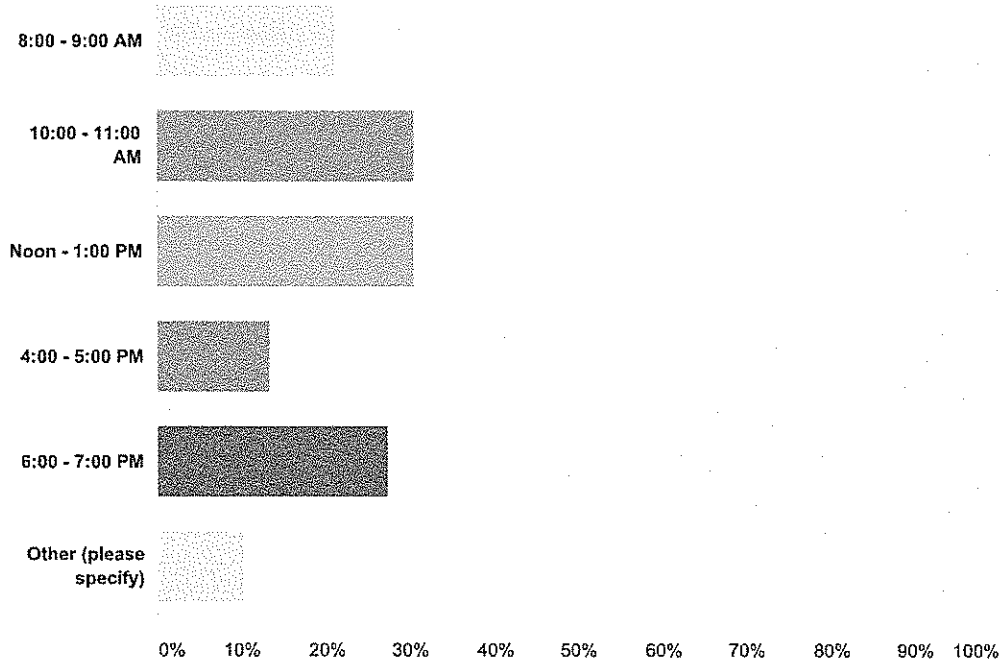


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	42.64%	55
No	22.48%	29
Maybe	34.88%	45
Total		129

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## Q7 If COD offered new online students an in-person one-hour orientation, what times would be best?

Answered: 128 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
8:00 - 9:00 AM	21.09% 27
10:00 - 11:00 AM	30.47% 39
Noon - 1:00 PM	30.47% 39
4:00 - 5:00 PM	13.28% 17
6:00 - 7:00 PM	27.34% 35
Other (please specify)	10.16% 13
Total Respondents: 128	

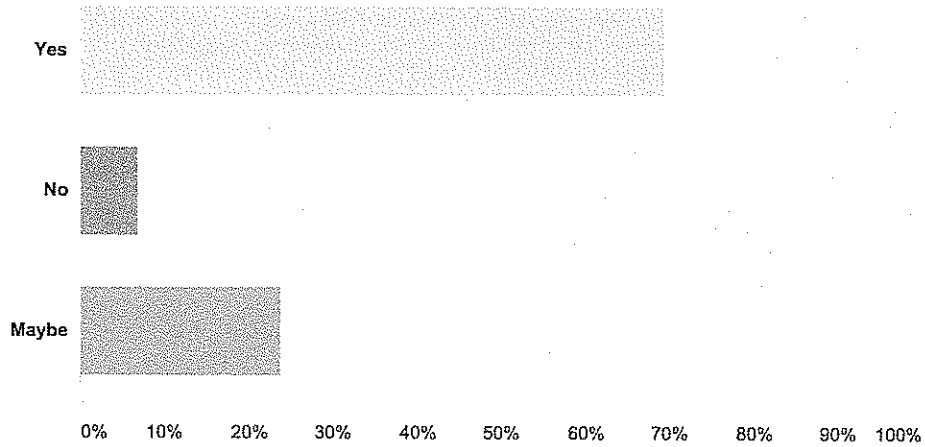
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Saturday	1/16/2016 11:49 AM
2	This should be offered at various times during the weekday.	1/14/2016 4:31 PM
3	Don't do it	12/22/2015 8:41 AM
4	It has been my experience that the majority of people taking online classes is because they also work. I believe the majority would benefit from an orientation after work hours (6pm+).	12/21/2015 12:30 AM
5	If it's an online class then I'm not going to be able to come in. I'd suggest that it be an interactive webinar.	12/19/2015 11:31 AM
6	A few choices throughout the day	12/19/2015 7:38 AM
7	Saturday	12/18/2015 8:41 PM

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8	Info people need should be in blackboard syllabus	12/18/2015 5:01 PM
9	Not necessary	12/18/2015 6:54 AM
10	not sure	12/18/2015 12:35 AM
11	Im tech savvy, so I wouldnt have wanted this, but many other students expressed the need.	12/17/2015 5:51 PM
12	Saturdays - for people working during regular office hours	12/17/2015 4:38 PM
13	I would not attend, and know I'd be fine.	12/17/2015 4:18 PM
14	Not Interested	12/17/2015 4:08 PM
15	11.30-12.30	12/17/2015 12:22 PM
16	In my opinion multiple times	12/17/2015 12:13 PM

**Q8 If College of the Desert had offered a virtual orientation to online learning before taking your first online class, would you have participated?**

Answered: 130 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	69.23%	90
No	6.92%	9
Maybe	23.85%	31
<b>Total</b>		<b>130</b>

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## Q9 What is the one thing you wish you had been told about online classes before you took your first course?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 23

#	Responses	Date
1	Familiarize yourself with Blackboard, communicate & be involved with the online class community and instructor	1/16/2016 11:49 AM
2	Every instructor has a different format.	1/14/2016 4:31 PM
3	Don't think that all online classes are the same! It really depends on the instructor. Although it is confusing at first it does not take long to get used to it (Blackboard). Like I mentioned, the only variable in the end are the instructors. Their plans, communication, and schedules are not the same so that would be the only challenging thing...at least for me.	1/12/2016 9:06 PM
4	There was a lot more homework and independent study without much help from the teacher.	1/11/2016 10:27 PM
5	How to use blackboard.	1/11/2016 9:00 PM
6	how to navigate	1/11/2016 3:52 PM
7	I wish they would've announced that their CIS classes were a trial with glitches, so I would've taken the class on campus instead of wasting my time, money, and grade online.	1/8/2016 7:38 PM
8	Computer glitches may occur so allow plenty of time to get your assignments in, in case this happens.	1/8/2016 6:08 PM
9	You dont need the book.	1/7/2016 8:32 AM
10	how to work my way through the portal and figuring out what to do.	1/5/2016 10:17 PM
11	To be leery of a 4 unit online course	1/5/2016 10:46 AM
12	too much homework	1/4/2016 11:42 PM
13	It has a lot of reading. :)	1/2/2016 12:38 AM
14	each class is very different	12/31/2015 7:56 PM
15	One thing I wish I had been told about online classes is that I'm basically learning the lesson by myself.	12/30/2015 8:01 PM
16	That it is more convenient to take online classes	12/30/2015 10:25 AM
17	They are a lot more work than regular classes and how annoying those discussion threads are	12/30/2015 8:31 AM
18	How the assignments where going to be graded	12/30/2015 12:16 AM
19	Its a great way to take classes.	12/29/2015 9:05 PM
20	That I need to figure everything out on my own.	12/29/2015 7:20 PM
21	their set-up and deadlines for assignments	12/29/2015 12:56 PM
22	Not all classes are run the same way.	12/28/2015 2:08 PM
23	Nothing. It's pretty self explanatory	12/27/2015 3:20 PM
24	It will be fast, it will be hard, but do not fret, it gets easier!	12/22/2015 9:11 PM
25	Depending on the professor, they can allow you to work ahead	12/22/2015 8:41 AM
26	How much time is actually invested in an online course.	12/21/2015 9:19 PM
27	I wish that someone had told me to check blackboard first before class started so I could see how online classes work.	12/21/2015 7:19 PM
28	Checking up on blackboard for syllabus is important.	12/21/2015 6:15 PM
29	How disorganized the teacher was.	12/21/2015 4:28 PM
30	Need to manage time.	12/21/2015 10:02 AM
31	Do not expect fellow students to participate in the discussion board.	12/21/2015 7:36 AM

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32	Nothing comes to mind	12/21/2015 5:41 AM
33	That you must be a self starter and a self motivator in order to success with online classes. Some online classes are harder than in person classes due to the online homework submissions.	12/21/2015 12:30 AM
34	That the work is all on you to do no one is on your back about doing all of your work on time.	12/20/2015 9:40 PM
35	Not all professors respond as adequately as you would like them to.	12/20/2015 8:41 PM
36	How much time they took	12/20/2015 7:48 PM
37	you have to do more homework and you have quizzes more often	12/20/2015 6:38 PM
38	How to submit papers	12/20/2015 5:42 PM
39	I wish my office 2010 program was the same office program COD used at the time I took the online computer course.	12/20/2015 5:37 PM
40	Make sure the professor you choose is known for being ORGANIZED!	12/20/2015 11:59 AM
41	The amount of time spent writing everyday	12/19/2015 8:11 PM
42	That they are in many ways more difficult than in person courses.	12/19/2015 7:18 PM
43	i new there would be more reading and writing, but i guess i didnt think it would be this much. I had to find more time, when i prepared to have at least 3 hours of working and reading in this subject	12/19/2015 3:01 PM
44	It is more work :o)	12/19/2015 11:47 AM
45	Make sure you are clear about the class deadlines because each instructor is different and it's confusing. That the instructor make previous material unavailable for you to go back and review past work and material. That is a huge downside.	12/19/2015 11:31 AM
46	How to operate Blackboard	12/19/2015 7:38 AM
47	Professors want up to daily log ins. I took because I do not have time for a daily class. I think we should have to log in 2-3 times a week just like in person classes i think we should be told also we may have to download sometime infectious programs that could harm your computer. This happened to me repairs were costly just to get back online	12/18/2015 8:41 PM
48	nothing	12/18/2015 5:01 PM
49	Whether the credits obtained through the online class are accepted at CSU and UC schools.	12/18/2015 3:57 PM
50	How to navigate blackboard on an online course.	12/18/2015 2:35 PM
51	homework overload.	12/18/2015 2:27 PM
52	Late work will not be accepted!	12/18/2015 10:20 AM
53	Only some teachers announce assignments when they are supposed to be due.	12/18/2015 9:32 AM
54	How to manage time properly.	12/18/2015 9:26 AM
55	nothing really, it was just a little difficult maneuvering through the course at the very beginning.	12/18/2015 9:19 AM
56	It was what I expected	12/18/2015 8:41 AM
57	Online is more work than the traditional classroom setting. In class, you can passively sit and be taught, online you must actively seek out learning.	12/18/2015 6:54 AM
58	Estimated amount of hours needed to complete the workload for the week before due time.	12/18/2015 4:29 AM
59	It's for someone who is good in prioritize and very organized. Because everything is on a time limit.	12/18/2015 12:35 AM
60	The programs will sometimes shut down.	12/17/2015 10:01 PM
61	Nothing really. It wasn't as bad as everyone insinuated. So far!!	12/17/2015 9:35 PM
62	you're on your own	12/17/2015 9:28 PM
63	How to navigate blackboard	12/17/2015 9:10 PM
64	That it wasn't going to be so easy.	12/17/2015 9:09 PM

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65	I would like to make a suggestion that Intro to GIS NOT BE OFFEREED as an online course. I'm currently taking and failing it and there is no one at all available on campus to assist me, I have gone to the Natural Resources Dean to look for support/help and they said that it's basically just better to take it in person. My online class is down to like 5 students, everyone dropped, likely due to lack of support or assistance. Also the professor has ridiculous virtual office hours of Fridays 7-9 pm. I work Friday nights. I made the mistake of not withdrawing from this class by the deadline and so now will be receiving my first F, again, due to lack of support in person.	12/17/2015 8:30 PM
66	Its really hard, unless you know what to look for, I was lucky and had friends who took the same classes, so they helped.	12/17/2015 7:49 PM
67	That it was going to be hard	12/17/2015 6:52 PM
68	I wish I had been told that it's not a "do the work when you have the time/ at your own convenience" That's what I thought online classes would be. I work full time and was looking to take classes where I could get the work done when I had the time. Most professors have two (and sometimes three) deadlines throughout the week to complete assignments and not every teacher has the same days for deadlines. For example, this semester I had due dates 4 times a week. It wasn't convenient.	12/17/2015 6:26 PM
69	need to keep a planner	12/17/2015 6:26 PM
70	All the deadlines will be weird, get a calendar and set notifications in your phone ASAP for all assignments, discussions and exams.	12/17/2015 5:51 PM
71	Nothing, for the most part it was fairly easy to understand how online classes work. It depends on how clear the instructor made the course.	12/17/2015 5:17 PM
72	That even if the professor you're taking teaches both online and in class classes of the same course, the order and way taught is completely different	12/17/2015 5:02 PM
73	That it is different for each teacher.	12/17/2015 4:39 PM
74	That only @mycod.us emails would be allowed - not a problem, just an inconvenience	12/17/2015 4:38 PM
75	This is not my first online course. I'm VERY familiar with online courses.	12/17/2015 4:18 PM
76	THE TIME AND GRADING AND SOME TEACHERS DON'T REALLY PUT MUCH EMPHASIS ON HOW STUDENT IS DOING.	12/17/2015 4:17 PM
77	None	12/17/2015 4:12 PM
78	knowing that there was another cost for an online service that was mandatory to have. (Cenage Brain) Website	12/17/2015 4:08 PM
79	Most classes will not allow makeups depending on teacher.	12/17/2015 3:47 PM
80	Not all instructors teach the same way. Some instructors are constantly online and available, while others seem to assign countless videos and downloads that have nothing to do with the exams.	12/17/2015 3:30 PM
81	How to turn in assignments	12/17/2015 3:22 PM
82	When you take a test that you cannot go back!	12/17/2015 2:35 PM
83	To never stop asking questions.	12/17/2015 2:26 PM
84	That they are not hard at all because the teacher have everything in order. Also, answer our question in anytime we have problems understanding something.	12/17/2015 2:20 PM
85	I wish i had been told that online classes require more responsibility and discipline than a face-to-face class.	12/17/2015 2:20 PM
86	I wish I had been told that professors can drop you from the class if you do not check in with them first. Some professors will never reply to your emails.	12/17/2015 2:01 PM
87	It's a lot harder then face to face classes	12/17/2015 1:22 PM
88	If there was tutoring or more instructions to a particular assignment available	12/17/2015 12:57 PM
89	I am currently taking a class that had too many assignments I wish the professor would have been more clear that their would be group assignments. Group assignments in a class online is next to impossible to communicate	12/17/2015 12:55 PM
90	To know about the system updates within a week prior of the assignment due	12/17/2015 12:55 PM
91	that you need to put in double the effort	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
92	There is a lot more writing required	12/17/2015 12:46 PM
93	An online Blackboard tutorial would have been helpful.	12/17/2015 12:29 PM

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94	It's completely self taught. No feedback/lectures from instructor at all.	12/17/2015 12:25 PM
95	That the work can be very extensive and time consuming. Time management is KEY.	12/17/2015 12:13 PM
96	You have to find the right amount of time for you to be able to read, learn, and study.	12/17/2015 12:09 PM
97	You really miss out on the connection with the instructor. The students I have found are typically the same. You don't get the fun lectures and laughs that help solidify the lessons that make learning more enjoyable.	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
98	Not all instructors are the same! Some are very interactive and provide timely feedback on message boards and emails. Some can take awhile to respond to emails or post sporadically. Some instructors should not be teaching: they can be condescending and not too helpful; their course design and organization is frustrating.	12/17/2015 11:11 AM
99	Though these are we're my first online classes, I found them very helpful. I'm a working adult and taking online classes was beneficial and practical. There isn't anything "surprising" about taking an online course, my teachers were very clear with what they expected. I will say, I was a bit worried about missing something which lead me to explore Blackboard more.	12/17/2015 11:01 AM
100	That we would be using other systems than blackboard. I did not see much consistency with the instructors and COD as what to what method they use.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
101	Difficulty collaborating with other students.	12/17/2015 10:44 AM



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### Q10 if you could meet with a new online student, what is one piece of advice you would give her/him?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 14

#	Responses	Date
1	You must be able to work independently and be accountable to do the work on your own.	1/16/2016 11:49 AM
2	Open Blackboard early and look at every section. Learn how to use Blackboard before the class starts. Instructors are bombarded with questions/problems in the first week, so get an early start to avoid delays.	1/14/2016 4:31 PM
3	Play around. Learn how to navigate Blackboard and keep in mind that each professor has different schedules, plans, etc.	1/12/2016 9:05 PM
4	Be prepared to learn on your own and do a lot more homework.	1/11/2016 10:27 PM
5	Start reading and working on assignments ahead of time in case you don't get to submit your work on the due date.	1/11/2016 9:00 PM
6	research how to use the system before the course starts	1/11/2016 3:52 PM
7	Never take a CIS class online!	1/8/2016 7:38 PM
8	Same answer to number 9.	1/8/2016 6:08 PM
9	Write your own work. Be original.	1/7/2016 8:32 AM
10	That dont take that class	1/5/2016 11:46 PM
11	To be strong in their time management skills and to create a schedule to keep track of when assignments are due ant etc.	1/5/2016 10:17 PM
12	Orient yourself well in advance to BB for that particular teacher	1/5/2016 10:46 AM
13	communicate with classmate	1/4/2016 11:42 PM
14	Make time to study. It requires a bit more structure and dedication from you. Because you have to read to find your answers, not like a live lecture.	1/2/2016 12:38 AM
15	do not take classes that you really enjoy online. you will miss out	12/31/2015 7:56 PM
16	Be proactive and insist teacher answers questions	12/31/2015 7:11 AM
17	One piece of advice I would give her/him is to take time to understand the system and proceed into browse the online class.	12/30/2015 8:01 PM
18	Make sure you check Blackboard daily and more in order to get all updates and notices from the professor.	12/30/2015 10:25 AM
19	Don't do it.	12/30/2015 8:31 AM
20	Keep up with the reading and homework	12/30/2015 12:16 AM
21	Be punctual with every assignment needed regardless if you have to miss a friends event, the classes are of great importance, are made for out schedule convenience which is great, take advantage of the opportunity.	12/29/2015 9:05 PM
22	if you are going to take an online class, you have to be completely self motivated.	12/29/2015 7:20 PM
23	stay focused and don't fall behind	12/29/2015 12:56 PM
24	Check blackboard often!	12/28/2015 2:08 PM
25	Just do the work, like with any other class	12/27/2015 3:20 PM
26	You need to put in time amd effort since you will be making your schedule around this class. Not because it is an online class doesn't mean that it is easy	12/23/2015 7:34 PM
27	Make sure you have all due dates for every class organized because each teacher is different and no one due date is set for all classes.	12/22/2015 9:11 PM
28	Do all the extra credit you can and read syllabus to make sure you're on track for an A	12/22/2015 8:41 AM

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29	Make sure to constantly check blackboard and stay in touch with your instructors as much as possible.	12/21/2015 9:19 PM
30	I would tell them to ask for help in anything that he/she need help in.	12/21/2015 7:19 PM
31	Make sure you keep checking on if assignment are due on the syllabus. Always print out a copy of the syllabus to know before hand what is due on what day. Because there will be no in person teacher reminding you of an assignment that is almost due.	12/21/2015 6:15 PM
32	Tell them to be organized and keep on top of upcoming assignments. Ask questions, dont wait till the last minute. If you follow all these your guaranteed an A.	12/21/2015 4:28 PM
33	Only take online courses where the instructor is committed to responding to their assignment forums. Without instructor feedback one cannot know how one is doing.	12/21/2015 1:47 PM
34	Set aside an hour a day per class to do course work.	12/21/2015 10:02 AM
35	If you are not an independent thinker do not take an online course	12/21/2015 7:36 AM
36	Treat this course like you would any other	12/21/2015 5:41 AM
37	Taking online courses poses a greater challenge when help or support is needed. Make sure to write down the professors email and contact number.	12/21/2015 12:30 AM
38	Its all on you to do your work.	12/20/2015 9:40 PM
39	Stay focused.	12/20/2015 8:41 PM
40	Designate a day early in the week to get all work done	12/20/2015 7:48 PM
41	be prepare to write down any information from the quizzes because you may see some of those question on your final	12/20/2015 6:38 PM
42	Get stuff in on time.	12/20/2015 5:42 PM
43	Make sure all programs in your personal computer are the same programs required for the online course you are taking.	12/20/2015 5:37 PM
44	Print out the professors syllabus and follow it.	12/20/2015 11:59 AM
45	Do the reading, read everyone's posts, do the assignment	12/19/2015 8:11 PM
46	Make sure you have done a computer course and are really good at reading comprehension before taking any online class.	12/19/2015 7:18 PM
47	dont do it.	12/19/2015 3:01 PM
48	Make sure to stay on top of things. Don't get behind. You can't miss assignments because they build off of each other.	12/19/2015 11:47 AM
49	Make note of deadlines and don't get behind. Save the study guides each week if given because the instructor sometimes make it unavailable.	12/19/2015 11:31 AM
50	when you do not understand about assignments, please e-mailto your instructor.	12/19/2015 10:13 AM
51	Take a few hours out of your time and click on everything in Blackboard to know what it is so you are somewhat understanding how it works.	12/19/2015 7:38 AM
52	Know how to use your computer first....before you take an online class	12/18/2015 8:41 PM
53	make sure you choose the right instructor! my last Hist 18 instructor was not the best. It took her 3 weeks to post our final paper, gave us only 4 days to prepare for it., with the excuse that she had no Wifi	12/18/2015 7:37 PM
54	set up a certain time for your classwork and follow that schedule. If you have trouble ask your professor.	12/18/2015 5:01 PM
55	Remember to check Blackboard every day so that you don't fall behind on the work you have to do.	12/18/2015 3:57 PM
56	Do not be afraid to ask your teacher questions!	12/18/2015 2:35 PM
57	don't expect an A.	12/18/2015 2:27 PM
58	Stay ahead of the game and do not slack with an On-line course.	12/18/2015 10:20 AM
59	Consistently check blackboard and your student email.	12/18/2015 9:32 AM
60	I would advise a new student to make sure that they have enough time because even though it is an online course there is a lot of work and it is not so easy. It is not easy because you have to basically teach yourself the material from the book.	12/18/2015 9:26 AM
61	play with it, and have fun.	12/18/2015 9:19 AM

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62	Give it the same amount of time and dedication you would a traditional course	12/18/2015 8:41 AM
63	Don't get behind. Check the site at least every other day, don't wait for week to week.	12/18/2015 6:54 AM
64	Give yourself more time in advance to finish the homework. Because if you fall behind it can get very hard to catch up.	12/18/2015 4:29 AM
65	be organized and have priorities right. And read , read,	12/18/2015 12:35 AM
66	Stay on top of your assignments. Don't fall behind.	12/17/2015 11:13 PM
67	Make sure to get a daily planner to remind you when assignments are due. Even writing assignments on your work schedule might help .	12/17/2015 11:10 PM
68	expect the unexpected.	12/17/2015 10:01 PM
69	Stay focused and just because it is online does not mean there is less work to do. For me there has been more work involved because you have to not make up for the lecture that would have been in an in person class.	12/17/2015 9:51 PM
70	Read every detail like 3 or 4 times. Once the instructor tells you how it works, then you would see everything they're talking about. By then it may be to late.	12/17/2015 9:35 PM
71	online classes are a big commitment especially when you're learning at your own pace and don't have a face to face teacher to ask questions	12/17/2015 9:28 PM
72	Navigate blackboard thoroughly before classes start so you know what to do when it's time to turn in an assignment	12/17/2015 9:10 PM
73	Don't think it will be easier than taking the class in person.	12/17/2015 9:09 PM
74	Take online courses in Art and Humanities, much harder to take Math and CIS at home. DO NOT TAKE INTRO GIS ONLINE!!!!	12/17/2015 8:30 PM
75	Be ready and be independent. If your not then take a regular class first. If the class is hard, I would take it in person, I only recommend taking elective classes first for beginners, the after 2 or 3 then try a non-elective class, also dont over load yourself, just because your not in class physically doesn't mean you are free to play and not do anything. I set 2 to 3 hours aside per online class just for reading and looking over lectures, then Homework is another 1 or so depending on how fast you work.	12/17/2015 7:49 PM
76	to make time for the class	12/17/2015 6:52 PM
77	Write down the dates when each assignment is presented and its due date. Since there are lots of assignments to complete for online work, their due dates get lost in the constant announcements from your professor. Not every professor makes it easy to find each assignment either... there's not a good, consistent set up for that throughout each online course. One prof I had, you had to click four different links/folder just to get to the weekly assignments.	12/17/2015 6:26 PM
78	manage your time wisely. keep a planner!	12/17/2015 6:26 PM
79	Math- utilize the online study quizzes, and the "I need to practice" section, its great. Go to the student life office to work online, being there makes you less likely to be distracted, makes you focus on school, because your at school.	12/17/2015 5:51 PM
80	Communicate with your instructor, just because you don't meet up doesn't mean they're not there to help you. Also, don't fall behind on your work, it will catch up to you.	12/17/2015 5:17 PM
81	Make a schedule!! Even if the professor might not give you a specific schedule, he/she will give you due dates and it's best to create your own before the actual due date. Remember, technological problems usually happen when least expected.	12/17/2015 5:02 PM
82	Make sure you have the time to take an online class because you have to check it daily to keep up with the work.	12/17/2015 4:39 PM
83	Expect to write and read like if there was no tomorrow - instructors will need to really tax you on reading and writing so they know the same person is doing assignments thru all the semester. It is maybe more time consuming than a regular class, if commuting is not taken into account.	12/17/2015 4:38 PM
84	Be prepared to follow direction. Follow the syllabus and all announcements carefully. Be prepared to read. The tests/quizzes will not be difficult if your paying attention. You'll be fine. Just set time aside for your class and be there. Good Luck...	12/17/2015 4:18 PM
85	TAKE TIME AS ANY OTHER CLASS, IT TAKES TWICE THE WORK, NO OTHER FEED BACK FROM CLASSMATES AS IN A CLASSROOM.	12/17/2015 4:17 PM
86	I am not sure what is their class. I know history online. But I am not sure the others.	12/17/2015 4:12 PM
87	make sure that you can dedicate the time to do an online course. I feel you need to dedicate more time to an online course, than a face to face course.	12/17/2015 4:08 PM

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88	Always check your blackboard and don't leave an assignment for the last minute	12/17/2015 4:05 PM
89	Do not procrastinate and expect to work hard.	12/17/2015 3:47 PM
90	Be prepared to spend many hours at your computer.	12/17/2015 3:30 PM
91	Don't get distracted	12/17/2015 3:22 PM
92	Read all the work	12/17/2015 2:40 PM
93	You need to be able to self teach yourself. The teacher is only the facilitator.	12/17/2015 2:40 PM
94	Follow the instructions and the syllabus the professor gives you regarding deadline of assignments to and forum responses.	12/17/2015 2:35 PM
95	Learn your priorities with time management.	12/17/2015 2:26 PM
96	To always true in the assessments in the due dates the professor indicate because that really affects there grade.	12/17/2015 2:20 PM
97	I would tell them to make sure you are comfortable having to partly self-teach and self-discipline.	12/17/2015 2:20 PM
98	Always do your work before it is due. Work ahead. Be sure to email the professor if you have questions.	12/17/2015 2:01 PM
99	Be prepared to teach themselves t	12/17/2015 1:22 PM
100	To focus. That will get them through the requirements of the class and the struggle	12/17/2015 12:57 PM
101	Don't be afraid to email the professor and ask questions.	12/17/2015 12:55 PM
102	Always turn work in before due, never last minute. (system updates etc...)	12/17/2015 12:55 PM
103	put all of your due dates in your calendar and set an alert a couple days before and the day its due	12/17/2015 12:51 PM
104	If you want to be passionate about your subject while learning it is best to do in the class room.	12/17/2015 12:46 PM
105	Make sure to check blackboard every day, keep up with the deadlines. Work ahead when you have a chance so that if you get busy or sick you won't fall behind.	12/17/2015 12:29 PM
106	Always get assignments in on time (preferably early)!	12/17/2015 12:25 PM
107	Make sure you post everything on time. Give your self enough time to prepare the homework.	12/17/2015 12:22 PM
108	I would tell them to make sure they are good at time management, and that even though this is an online course it is no easier than a face to face course.	12/17/2015 12:13 PM
109	To avoid putting off assignments until the last minute, make sure to schedule time to keep up with your work.	12/17/2015 12:09 PM
110	TO keep track of all due dates and make sure they keep on with assignments. Also, because you don't get to communicate in person with teacher, if you are stuck on something I always search the question online.	12/17/2015 11:40 AM
111	"Brown nose" the teacher. Just kidding. What I say when asked about online classes is "From what I've noticed, it is about three times as much work than a face-to-face class. But, if you are super busy and can't make it to classes, it is good. I would suggest emailing the teacher a couple times before taking the class to see how responsive they are. Dr. Walker for English 1a was great. She responded quickly with thorough, in-depth answers. The students on the other hand were not the most academically stimulating bunch. Dr. Fesmire's intro to music online class was amazing. The organization was spot on and with the videos he provided, he made the class feel more interactive and fun."	12/17/2015 11:37 AM
112	Good choice	12/17/2015 11:35 AM
113	Check ratemyprofessors.com and see previous student feedback. Be very prepared and organized to follow assignments and meet deadlines because if you don't, they can pile up. You can easily procrastinate and complete assignments at the last minute but that shouldn't be the norm.	12/17/2015 11:11 AM
114	They only advice I'd give someone is that they have to be active in taking online courses, everything is self directed...just like in the classroom. If people need help in managing Blackboard it serves right to offer orientation but taking online classes do not require handholding. Perhaps tutorials on how to manage blackboard would be helpful.	12/17/2015 11:01 AM
115	Manage your time, don't let so called friends always distract you and not care or respect what you are doing.	12/17/2015 10:49 AM
116	Get a friend to take the course with you. Then, when you need a peer review or your work checked, just work with them.	12/17/2015 10:44 AM