

# Transitioning to Online Classes

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You may be feeling overwhelmed and facing many unknowns and disruptions right now, but **WE'VE GOT THIS!** Try to be patient with yourself, your classmates, and your instructors during this time. Take care of your physical, emotional, and mental health first. It may help you to make a plan and adjust your studying to maintain control over your studies. As we transition to online instruction, your study habits may need to change. While more of your coursework and teamwork have to be online and remote, here are some strategies to keep in mind:

## Establish a good workspace

Find a quiet place with a good Internet connection that is free from distractions (put your phone/electronics in a different room).

## Stay organized

As with any course, but especially for an online one, it's important to stay organized. It's also wise to keep a copy of everything you submit in the case there is a technology problem that requires you to resubmit. Remember to take good notes while doing your readings and watching online lectures.

## Manage time wisely

Schedule ample time in your personal calendar to study the materials in your online course and complete assignments. Treat those blocks of time as seriously as you would a face-to-face class by sticking to them, letting your friends and family know you are unavailable during those times. Keep a close eye on assignment due dates and allot yourself plenty of time. Work ahead if possible. Plan to spend 6-9 hours per week (minimum) working on this class.

## Connect with your peers and instructor

The online space need not be an isolating one. Even though you may be the only one huddled around your computer, you are not alone! Just as with a face-to-face course, interactions with your peers and your instructor are critical to you having a rich, engaging experience in the course. Don't hesitate to reach out to your instructor for help!

## Know your resources

Figure out as early as possible all of the technologies, websites, and campus resources you may need to use in the course and master them.

*Contact Me for Help*

*Blackboard help*

*Library Resources*

*BCCC Resources*

## Stay informed about College Operations

Visit our website regularly to stay up-to-date

*BCCC Alerts*

## Stay informed about COVID-19

*Beaufort County Health Department*

*NC Department of Health and Human Services*

*Center for Disease Control and Prevention*

*US Department of Education*

