Set yourself up for
ONLINE COURSE SUCCESS

Gather the Tools you Need

First, make sure you have a secure and reliable internet connection. Don’t have one at home? Can you go to a local library or other place (without large crowds) with access? If not, you may come to campus to use the internet.

Second, make sure you have whatever hardware you are going to need—laptop, headphones, microphone, webcam, etc.

Don’t have something you need? Let your professors know! They’ll be understanding and work with you.

Get in a Routine and Manage your Time

Online courses take a lot of self-motivation. Get in a routine! If possible, log in to your courses during your regularly scheduled class time, and stick to that schedule. If not, decide on a consistent schedule for logging in regularly to each course and stick to it!

Create a Study Plan

Go through all your courses and make note of assignments and due dates.

Develop a plan/schedule for getting things done—whether in a planner (physical or electronic), checklist, etc.

Consult this plan every day to ensure you keep on track!

Find a Good Study Environment

At home there are lots of distractions—family, television, cellphones, etc.

Find or create a study space and make it as distraction-free as possible!

Ask family members to respect your study time. Go someplace quiet. Turn off the television. Put your cellphone in a different room. Buckle down and do the work.

Communicate

Have questions? Unsure about an assignment? Having technical issues? Need tutoring? Stressed about the current national crisis?

Communicate! Check your email regularly (at least daily).

Your professors, your advisor, IT, Student Support Services, Disability Services, International Services, CACD, your classmates, etc. Everyone at CU is here for you. We will navigate this TOGETHER!