



Online Courses: Staying Motivated & Disciplined

Overview

Taking online classes can be very convenient for many students. However, many online students lack what is essential for success in an online class: time management skills, discipline, and motivation. This workshop provides several practical tips and strategies students can use to stay focused and motivated while taking classes online. The presenters will discuss how to establish a study schedule, the importance of finding an ideal study space, and how to set goals and stay organized throughout the semester. In addition, students will learn how to gain support from family and friends and how to develop a relationship with their classmates and instructor.

Objectives:

Students will learn:

- How to establish a study schedule
- The importance of finding an ideal study space
- How to set goals and stay organized
- How to break down a large task into smaller, more manageable steps
- How to gain support from family and friends
- How to effectively communicate with their instructor
- Strategies for developing a relationship with their classmates and instructor

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Presenters



Angelica McMillian
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Angelica McMillan joined Front Range Community College's Humanity and Fine Arts department in 1996. Her commitment to students has been recognized with various awards, including the Vice President's "Unsung Hero Award," and peer and student nominations for Master Teacher. During her tenure at FRCC, she has taught traditional and online classes, served as lead of the Spanish and Humanities discipline, lead of online Humanities, and as Chair of her department. Having completed multiple MOOCs (massive open online courses), she has had the opportunity to revisit the classroom as a student. Her role as online instructor and student ultimately means that Angelica not only understands both sides of the virtual classroom, but can also share relevant tips for success for online students.



Mike Coste
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Mike Coste has been an online instructor for about fifteen years, having taught online for Front Range Community College, Regis University, Metropolitan State College and CCOnline. He has also facilitated training for both students and faculty regarding online pedagogy and designed a number of online courses. He has presented on using YouTube and podcasting as teaching tools as well. After 20 years as a philosophy faculty member at Front Range Community College, he became Dean of Instruction at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colorado in 2013. He won the Master Teacher Award at Front Range Community College in 2011.