



# Is Online Learning for Me?

Questions to consider before jumping into an on-line degree program

## **DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER WITH STABLE INTERNET ACCESS?**

Online learning requires a computer that runs current software. Reliable internet allows you to access course materials and interact with the learning community. Any standard residential internet access will be sufficient. If you can stream Netflix or YouTube, your connection is adequate.

## **ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH EMAILS, WEB BROWSERS AND USING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY?**

Do you have a Facebook account? If you do, then using our Learning Management System (LMS, Canvas) will be very intuitive for you. Through that system you will receive class lectures, assignments, test, quizzes and other material. If you have questions as you start, we are here to help and guide.

## **ARE YOU COMFORTABLE UPLOADING AND DOWNLOADING FILES THROUGH THE INTERNET?**

Lectures on Canvas are available for streaming at the click of a button! Students will upload their assignments through Canvas as well as be able to download course documents. West Coast Baptist College also provides premier access to current academic research journals as part of our digital library.

## **CAN YOU LEARN WITHOUT FACE-TO-FACE, REAL-TIME CONTACT?**

While our online faculty will help guide you in your education journey, they are not in the same room with you! The NT epistles show us that learning and mentoring CAN take place from miles away. West Coast Online Learning will allow you to learn from and interact with faculty who may reside a great distance from you. Our faculty will guide you to the intended learning objectives through our online classroom.

## **DO YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE ASKING FOR HELP IF YOU NEED IT?**

Online students are active participants in the learning process. While your instructor initiates regular and consistent communication, you also have the ability to be proactive in asking questions, seeking clarification, or finding additional instruction outside of the established course materials.

## **CAN YOU DESIGNATE 10-15 HOURS PER WEEK FOR SCHOOLWORK?**

If you are planning to take a full load (5-9 credits per term) you will need to carve out 10-15 hours per week for your education. They be any hours that fit your schedule. Nothing worth having is effortless. Developing your skill as a Bible student will require effort on your part. As an online student, you are not

necessarily dropping elements from your life to go to school. You are adding school to your life! Personal growth should be a priority for a Christian, but it will require you to arrange your schedule to accommodate your new role as a student.

### **ARE YOU SELF-MOTIVATED?**

In an online learning environment, students have weekly deadlines they must hit to progress through the course. If you struggle with procrastinating, you may become frustrated in an online learning environment. Online learners must be self-motivated and self-disciplined to get the job done.

### **CAN YOU COMMUNICATE WELL IN WRITING?**

College courses develops your ability to communicate truth. Clear, persuasive writing is a skill set to be developed in this program. If you do not currently write well, but are willing to learn—we can help you with that!

### **DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE COURSE IS EASY?**

You have the freedom within each week to choose when to complete your work. However, you are not able to select which week an assignment is due. WCBC offers quality college-level academics in this online environment.

## **ONLINE LEARNING MAY NOT BE FOR YOU IF...**

- You are not tech savvy or do not have access to a stable connection.
- You are dependent upon face-to-face communication with instructors.
- You struggle with time-management and discipline.
- You tend to procrastinate.
- You cannot designate enough hours each week for course work.
- You are satisfied with your current level of biblical knowledge and have no desire for growth 😊

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