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# Welcome!

Introduction to online learning.

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# Topics to Be Covered

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- How it works/learning environment
- Benefits of online learning
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# Mission Statement

- As a tribally controlled community college and land grant institution, the mission of Bay Mills Community College is to provide quality education opportunities, promote research, and facilitate individual development in an accessible, community-based, and culturally diverse environment that supports and maintains the Anishinabek culture and language.
- In carrying out our mission, the BMCC Board of Regents stresses a positive, student-centered atmosphere, which promotes preservation of the customs and beliefs of Native Americans. The curriculum is designed to integrate traditional Native American values with higher education as a way of preparing students to assume responsible roles in their respective communities.

# Objectives

- To provide the Native American communities with educated and trained human resources
- To provide education opportunities, including academic, research, vocational, basic skills building, cultural and in-service programs leading to appropriate certificates, degrees, and diplomas
- To foster a spirit of pride in Native American language, culture and history through participation course work and cultural activities
- To provide a qualified, dedicated, student-centered staff and faculty
- To help students attain the necessary skills and self-esteem which will facilitate personal and career fulfillment
- To prepare and encourage student to pursue advanced degrees
- To provide continuing and community education

# What's What

- Online learning is the newest and most popular form of distance education today. Within the past decade it has had a major impact on post-secondary education and the trend is only increasing.



# What is Online Learning?

- Online learning is education that take place over the internet. Online learning is just one type of “distance learning” – the umbrella term for any learning that takes place across distance and not in a traditional classroom. Distance learning has a long history and there are several types available today.
- Correspondence courses: conducted through regular mail with little interaction with other students or instructor.
- Online learning: Internet-based courses offered synchronously and/or asynchronously.
- Mobile learning: by means of devices such as cellular phones, PDA's and digital audio players (ipods, MP3 players).

# How it works

- There is an entire industry that assist with learning management systems (LMS) which is software utilized by just about all colleges and universities today. The LMS allow instructors to design and deliver their courses within a flexible framework that includes a number of different tools to enable learning and communication to happen with the students.
- Popular LMS include:
  - [Blackboard](#)
  - [Moodle](#)

# Benefits of online learning

- Online distance learning meets the needs of an ever-growing population of students who cannot or prefer not to participate in traditional classroom setting. These learners include those unable to attend traditional classes, who cannot find a particular class and/or program at their chosen institution, who live in remote locations, who work full-time and can only study at or after work, and those who simply prefer to learn independently.
- **The ability to access a course from any computer with internet access, 24 hours a day, seven days a week is a tremendous incentive for many of today's students.**

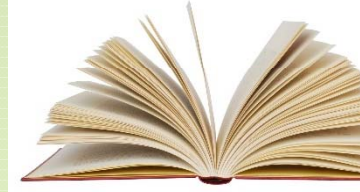
# Learning Management System (LMS)

- Any of the LMS offer functionality which allows instructors to deliver course content, enable communication, and conduct evaluations. Common tools:
  - Schedule-for posting and viewing deadlines, etc.
  - Announcements-for posting current information for students.
  - Syllabus-for creating and posting course syllabus.
  - Modules- for publishing and viewing course content in sections.
  - Assignments-for posting, submitting and grading student work.
  - Discussion Boards- for asynchronous discussion, group work, and collaboration.
  - Private Messages- for private communication between students and/or the instructor.
  - Chat- for real-time, synchronous conversations in written form.
  - Tests & Quizzes- for authoring and administering exams, quizzes, surveys, etc.
  - Gradebook- for posting and managing student grades and for students to monitor how they are doing in the class.

# LMS and the needs of the “New Traditional” Learner

- 1) Check to see if the LMS has a responsive design that provides consistent experience across all devices, including a cell phone.
- 2) It tracks and monitors student progress, which allows the instructor and students to see how they are doing and grades at a glance.
- 3) Constant contact and feedback with Instructors. There is usually some type of messaging systems, which allows you direct one to one contact with the instructor.
- 4) Weekly forum posts or discussion boards which allows you to connect with other students and participate in a community of learners.
- 5) Self paced within a weekly time frame, you can do day, evening and even in the middle of the night, at your convenience.

# Frequently asked questions



- **Is an online class the same as a self-passed class?**
  - No, While some online classes are similar to independent study, most online classes are not self-paced classes. The due dates for homework and participation reflect those of a “regular” campus class, which will have specific due dates each week.
- **How much time do I have to spend online?**
  - You should plan to spend at least the same amount of time you would spend on a face-to-face class. Probably more, at first as you get to know the online LMS.



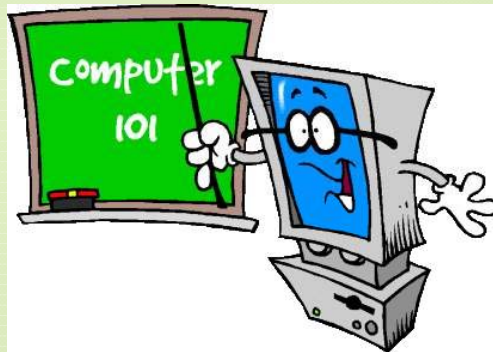
# Q&A continued



- **Do I have to log on to class at a particular time?**
  - No, you will have deadlines by which to post your work, but when you complete that work is up to you. You should try to do your work on a daily basis so as to avoid being overburdened or getting behind each week.
- **Is taking a class online easier than “regular” class?**
  - No, the course content in an online class is usually identical to that of a face-to-face class on the same topic. I find that the work load is even more demanding because you have to be a self-directed learner, stay motivated, and stay on top of the workload.

# Q&A continued


- **What internet skills would be helpful in an online class?**
  - The most successful students have the following internet skills:
    - Familiarity with computers and the internet.
    - Familiarity with Web browsers and email.
    - Some familiarity with Web-based interactions such as email, discussion boards, list servers, and chat rooms.
    - Proficiency with typing and word processing.
    - Experience in successful internet searches using a variety of search engines.



# Moodle-Let's take a closer look..

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# Summary

- The “new traditional” learning is one that might not have previously considered higher education an option. They are often full-time employed, or caring for their family. They are looking to complete their degree or upgrade their credentials to help them continue to work.
- Thank you for coming and wanting to learn more about online learning. We here, at BMCC would like to wish you the best of luck in whichever endeavor you choose to pursue!
- If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [shammock@bmcc.edu](mailto:shammock@bmcc.edu).

# References and Supplemental Resources

- Distance Education – Strategies and Tools and Distance Education

<https://www.giz.de/expertise/downloads/Fachexpertise/en-pedagogy-distance-education-guide.pdf>

- What Makes a Successful Online Student

<http://www.ion.uillinois.edu/resources/tutorials/pedagogy/tips.asp>

- Growth in Distance Education Programs and Implications for Federal Education Policy

<https://www.gao.gov/new.items/d021125t.pdf>