

10 Untruths about Online Learning

1. Online classes are easier than face-to-face classes.
 - a. Online classes tend to be more demanding than face-to-face classes. Please realize that there is extensive reading in online classes. You must manage your time for assignment deadlines. You may be unenrolled from the course for non-attendance. Non-attendance means you do not submit assignments.
2. Broken computers are an acceptable excuse for not completing course assignments.
 - a. You should have a personal technology contingency plan. A broken computer is not an excuse for not completing your assignments.
3. The university will provide me with a computer.
 - a. Lincoln University does not provide students with computers. You must have a computer to take an online course at Lincoln University.
4. Computer instruction is part of my online course.
 - a. Instructors do not provide technical support. Student should have computer skills prior to beginning an online course at Lincoln University. If the online course requires use of specific software, the instructor will provide instruction on how to use that software.
5. I can do all of my work for the week in one login session.
 - a. To be successful in your online course, regular and frequent participation is required. Failure to participate each week will result in your removal from the course.
6. I can procrastinate on turning in my assignments.
 - a. Assignments in an online course require active engagement with your peers. You should submit your assignments on time and frequently check in to your online course to participate in discussions.
7. My instructor does not communicate or provide personal attention in an online course.
 - a. Your instructor will communicate with you frequently and participate in discussions. Your instructor should have a communication plan posted in your course.
8. I can remain anonymous in an online course.
 - a. Engaging with your peers and your instructor is one of the methods in which you learn. You may have to participate in groups and interact and meet virtually with your group members.
9. I am taking an online course and I can complete my assignments when I want.
 - a. Online courses follow a specific schedule. You should check your assignment due dates and complete all assignments on time. Failure to complete assignments each week will result in you being removed from the course.
10. Online courses lack interaction and have a social disadvantage for students.
 - a. Your course may have interactive content and you may socialize with your classmates via chat, web conferencing, group assignments, and online discussions.