eLearning Student Orientation for Temple College Online Learners

Your Class. Your Time. Your Place.
Session Overview

• Welcome!
• What is eLearning?
• Benefits
• Tips for successful eLearning
• Your responsibilities
• What equipment do I need for eLearning?
• Accessing the TC eLearning web site
• About your Learning Management System
• Your TC eTools
• Other online options for eLearning
What is eLearning?

**IS ...**
- An alternative way of learning that empowers students to choose where and when they want to learn
- Just as demanding as a face-to-face course
- Scheduled (due dates & deadlines)

**IS NOT ...**
- Self-paced
- Easier than a face-to-face course
- An opportunity to relax and get an easy grade
Benefits of eLearning

• Accommodates your busy schedule
• Is flexible - Allows you to balance work, life and class work
• Overcomes barriers to attending class in person
• Fully accredited and recognized
Tips for Success

• Be disciplined & stay focused!
• Stay organized!
• Avoid distractions!
• Communicate with your instructor & classmates to develop a sense of “bonding”
• Establish momentum & keep the pace
  • Do NOT wait until the last minute to complete assignments
  • Avoid getting behind in your coursework!

Take the SmarterMeasure Online Learner Assessment at http://templejc.smartermeasure.info/
Knowing Your Learning Style + Discipline = SUCCESS!
Your Responsibilities (1 of 2)

• Actively participate in your course
  • Log in daily or regularly

• Contact your instructor if you have questions
  • Ask questions immediately (Webmail or D2L pager)

• Check your progress
  • Did I do all of my assignments, homework, quizzes and exams?
  • Review course syllabus and course timeline documents
  • Use D2L “Grades” or “View Progress” to track
Your Responsibilities (2 of 2)

• What to do if you are experiencing issues or problems
  • Reporting course-related issues to your instructor
  • Reporting technical issues to eLearning Support
    • Also copy your instructor
• Check D2L Tech Support News Bulletins
• Reporting issues to IT
  • Webmail
  • TConnect
Equipment Needed

Access to a computer with Internet connectivity

• Desktop or notebook PC
  • Must be reliable, recent technology (no older than a few years)
• Internet Connection
  • Dial Up, Broadband or WiFi
• Software
  • Word Processor (minimum)
  • Microsoft Office (optional)
    • Available to Temple College students as part of Office 365
Visiting the TC eLearning Web Site

Visit eLearning Tour for tutorials and attend eLearning Student Orientation Session

https://templejc.desire2learn.com/
Your Online Learning System

Desire2Learn (D2L) - Your Virtual Classroom for online learning!

An example of what your learning management system looks like
Your TC eTools

• TC Office 365 WebMail
• TConnect
• Brightspace by D2L
  • Your virtual classroom
• Other Useful Tools
  • Online Library Resources
  • Smarthinking (Applies to all learners)
    • Free Online tutorial service
  • Turnitin! (Course Specific)
  • MyLabs (Course Specific)
Other Online Options for eLearning

Virtual College of Texas (VCT)
  • Temple College students may be granted permission to enroll in a VCT online course if the course is not currently offered at Temple College or no seats are available and the course is needed to fulfill a requirement

Franklin University
  • Beyond your associate degree
  • “3 plus 1” program (3 years at Temple College & 1 online with Franklin)
Questions ? Need Help?

Contact the Temple College eLearning Office
• e-mail:
  • elearning@templejc.edu
• eLearning Web Page
  • http://www.templejc.edu/elearn/Contact.htm

Located in the Arnold Student Center
• Available for 1/1 consultation and hands-on training