



Tips for taking an ONLINE class

Are you getting excited to start your online class(es)?

Whether this is your first online class, or you are an experienced online student, we want to make sure you feel prepared. Please take a few minutes to complete this [online readiness survey](#). Your answers will help determine what you need to do to succeed in the online learning environment. This survey is hosted by another college, contact us at NDSCS for any help or guidance you need to be successful in your class(es).

Here are a few things you can do to be ready to go.

NDSCS Email Required – Check it often -- NDSCS email addresses are REQUIRED for communications from the college and instructors. You must check your NDSCS email account frequently to avoid missing time sensitive information. For instructions on how to log into your college email account, go to [IT Service Desk/Email](#). You may forward your college email to a personal account.

Log into Blackboard: NDSCS uses Blackboard for all our classes.

To log into Blackboard, go to www.ndscs.edu and click **NDSCS Online** at the top of the page (or go directly to <https://online.ndscs.edu>). Use your CampusConnection User ID and Password to log in.

NDSCS Blackboard Student Orientation: Once you have logged into Blackboard, complete the NDSCS Blackboard Student Orientation. This contains important information to learn how to navigate the online course environment.

Textbooks or Course Materials: Check to see if your class(es) require you to purchase a textbook or materials. You can find additional information for your classes on the [NDSCS Bookstore website](#) under “**Course Materials.**”

Computer Requirements: It is required that you have access to a regular computer, Windows PC recommended. Not all tasks or software used for online classes and tests can be done on the mobile app or with other devices. For example:

Chromebooks are not compatible with some features and testing software.

Macs may not be compatible with some software in CIS/CSCI/HIT/CAD classes, etc.

For more information on preparing for your online class visit [NDSCS Support for Online Students](#).