

Getting prepared for online learning

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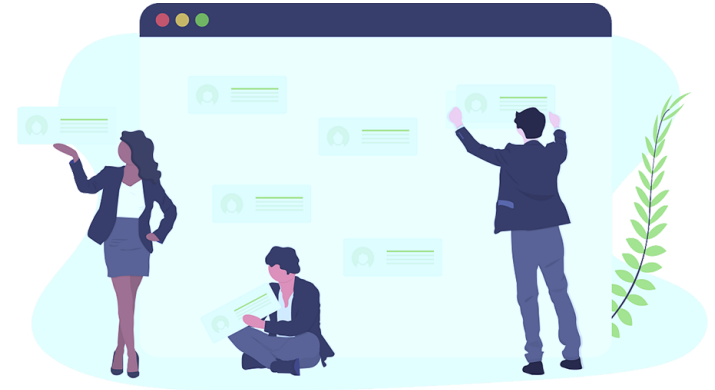
Hello!

I am Nicole Crozier

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- Currently pursuing M.Ed in Educational Technology
- Have completed 2.5 online programs

What to expect in this session:

1. What to do on the first day of classes
2. Getting set up for success with online learning
3. Introduction to Brightspace, UVic's learning management system



1. Introduction

Polls



2+ million

Canadian students will take an online course this term

98%

of Canadian students will take an online course this term

100%

of Canadian post-secondary institutions will be offering courses online

2.

The first day

Getting started with
online learning



Finding your courses

- Most courses will have a course site in Brightspace. These sites should show up by January 11
- Some professors may email their classes ahead of the first day. Others won't.
- Any Zoom links required for the course will typically be found in Brightspace.



Day 1 tasks

Asynchronous or synchronous?

Figure out whether your courses are being offered synchronously, or asynchronously.

Show up for synchronous classes.

Classes found in Economics

Sections Found

Select	CRN	Subj	Crse	Sec	Cmp	Cred	Title	Days	Time	Cap	Act	Rem	WL Cap	WL Act	WL Rem	XL Cap	XL Act	XL Rem	Instructor	Date (MM/DD)	Location
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Classes found in Academic and Technical Writing

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Scheduled Meeting Times

Type	Time	Days	Where	Date Range	Schedule Type	Instructors
Every Week	TBA		TBA	Sep 09, 2020 - Dec 04, 2020	Lecture	Valerie M Irvine (P), Michael Paskevicius

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Figure out what's next!

Once you've read the syllabus and any announcements from the professor, you can begin making a plan for the course!

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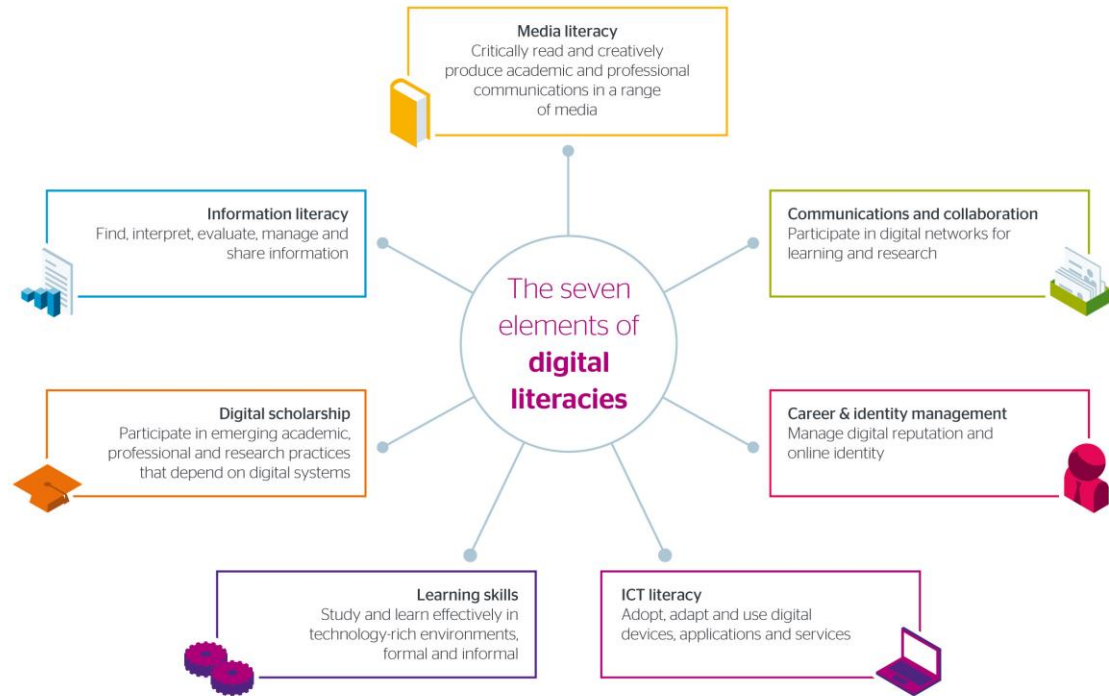
Set up for success

Tangible tips for
mitigating challenges



Digital literacy

The capabilities that fit an individual for living, learning and working in a digital society



Tangible tips

1. Know your tech

- Test, practice, and explore any technologies you will be using... before you need to use them.
- Don't be afraid to experiment!
- Use Google to help you problem solve (or your preferred search engine)

Tangible tips

2. Create your systems

- Create a notetaking system that works for you
- Create a file system that works for you
- Don't make your system too complicated to use
- Don't be afraid to change your system if it's not working for you

Tangible tips

3. Find the shortcuts

- Don't waste your time doing things the long way over and over again. Take the time to learn a better way!
- From keyboard shortcuts, to Microsoft 365 tricks, the internet has lots of advice. Spend a little bit of time taking it in!

Time management



Time management

- Students underestimate the time commitment and rigour of online learning
- Time is often less structured for students then when on-campus
- Less peer influence on how they spend their time



Tangible tips

1. Get an accurate time estimate

- Check with your professor about what their expectations are
- Look at what you have to do each week for each course and determine how long you think it will take
- Always overestimate

Tangible tips

2. Create a weekly schedule

- Make a plan for every week
- Stick to the plan 😊

Tangible tips

3. Create structure

- Designate regular times or times to work on specific courses
- Create a designated study spot in your home.
- Schedule regular study dates

Tangible tips

4. Reduce distractions

- Identify your time sucks (aka Netflix)
- Find ways to reduce or eliminate these distractions during your study time
- Ex. Phone-free zone, website blockers, time trackers

Community & peer connections

- Students find it more difficult to connect with other students; one-to-one interactions are rare
- Connection requires greater effort and intentionality
- Interactions are more drawn out



Tangible tips

1. Be the first one to reach out

- Use your course discussion boards to connect with peers
- Create study groups
- Visit office hours

Tangible tips

2. Use the tools that you have

- Make the most of your New Student Connect pod!
- Use your UVic Zoom account to plan virtual study sessions with peers
- You're probably already a social media expert

4. Brightspace

Let's explore the
platform



Overview

- Navigating the Brightspace homepage
- Finding your courses
- Managing your personal settings
- Course navigation
 - Course information
 - Weekly content
 - Course activities
 - Zoom sessions
 - Grades
- Student resources in Brightspace

Resources for Students

Web Resources

- Learn Anywhere
- Student Help Resources (FAQs)

Hands-on Support

- Student Technology Drop-ins Monday-Friday 1-2pm
- Learning Strategist Program
- Help Desk helpdesk@uvic.ca

Workshops

- Get Set Up for Online Learning Success
- Preparing for Online Discussions
- Preparing more Online Presentations
- And more!

Discover Courses

- 2020-2021 Student Guide to Online Learning
- Your UVic Learning Technologies
- Learn Anywhere
- And more!

Thanks!

Any questions?

Speedfriending
12:30 p.m.

Winter Welcome
January 3 - 16

@UVicYearOne
on Instagram for
questions!