

Is A Distance Learning Math Class For You?

The following survey may help you decide whether a distance learning math class is right for you. You will need paper and a pencil (or pen) to complete the survey. Please choose one answer for each question and then score as directed below.

1. I usually complete homework and other assignments
 - a. on time
 - b. at the last minute
 - c. past the deadline
2. I am considering taking a distance learning class
 - a. because the flexibility fits into my schedule
 - b. to add another course to a full load
 - c. because I can never seem to make it to my campus classes
3. In doing math homework,
 - a. I can often do it with little or no additional help
 - b. I frequently require tutoring or the help of the solutions manual
 - c. I rarely finish without help
4. If I am having difficulty with an assignment,
 - a. I get help as soon as possible, usually within a couple of days
 - b. I put it off until the week of the exam
 - c. I hope it won't be worth too much on the test and concentrate on things I can do
5. Mathematics textbooks are
 - a. easy for me to follow
 - b. easy to follow, but I would prefer to have the instructor explain them to me
 - c. confusing and frustrate me
6. When it comes to math, I consider myself to be
 - a. naturally good at it
 - b. calm and determined
 - c. "math-phobic"
7. When I turn in work,
 - a. I can move on to the next assignment while waiting for feedback
 - b. I need feedback within a few days
 - c. I need immediate feedback

8. Face to face meetings with my instructor and my classmates
- a. are not important to me
 - b. are helpful but not essential
 - c. are very important to me
9. When asked to utilize new skills and technologies as a learner,
- a. I embrace the challenge and enjoy trying new things
 - b. I am hesitant to take risks, but I am persistent and determined
 - c. I am very uncomfortable and need someone to help or explain things to me
10. As a learner, I would classify myself as being
- a. highly independent
 - b. somewhat independent
 - c. dependent
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Scoring the Survey:

Please score your answers by giving yourself three points for every "a", two points for every "b", and zero points for every "c".

Analyzing the Score:

If you scored from 20-30, you are probably suited for a distance learning class. You are an independent learner who doesn't need constant supervision, and you have the self-discipline to complete tasks on time.

If you scored from 10-20, you probably need to think very carefully about signing up for a distance learning class. If you do decide to take a telecourse or internet class, please realize that you will probably have to adjust your learning strategies to maximize your potential for success.

If you scored from 0-10, you are probably more well suited for the traditional classroom at this time.

Important Note:

Your level of success in any course is determined by a multitude of factors. The survey presented above is meant to give you an indication of your aptitude for distance learning courses and is in no way a guarantee for success or failure in any course or program.