

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

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.