

Is Online Learning Right For You?

You are comfortable communicating through writing

You will likely communicate with your advisor, success coach, and other Students through writing. Please rate your comfort level with written communication.

Extremely Uncomfortable 1 2 3 4 5 Extremely Comfortable

You consider yourself to be self-motivated and disciplined

Online, self-paced learning requires a high level of motivation and discipline. Students in this environment are responsible for carving out their own schedule and motivating themselves to complete work/study. Please rate your level of self-motivation and self-discipline.

Extremely Uncomfortable 1 2 3 4 5 Extremely Comfortable

You are comfortable asking for help

In a traditional classroom, teachers may provide answers to commonly asked questions as they continue to come up. Teachers are also there to serve as subject matter experts. In a self-paced, online learning environment, Students should be prepared to speak up and ask for help when necessary. This regards everything from technology issues to questioning a score on a graded assignment. Online Students should expect to reach out to SMARTHINKING tutors, who serve as subject matter experts. Please rate your level of comfort in asking for help.

Extremely Uncomfortable 1 2 3 4 5 Extremely Comfortable

You are aware that self-paced, online learning is an alternative - not easier - way to get your education

A self-paced, online learning environment arguably has more of a time commitment than a traditional college classroom. Online Students are course navigators, critical thinkers, schedule creators, and more in addition to being students. Please rate your agreement with the above statement.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Disagree

Your reading skills are average or above average

The way you will learn in this type of environment is by reading, whether it's a presentation or textbook. Your written communication will also require reading and comprehension. Please rate your reading level below.

Below Average 1 2 3 4 5 Above Average

You believe in online, self-paced learning; You stand firm that your education in this type of learning environment is just as reputable as education that takes place in a traditional classroom.

This type of learning environment will be hard for you to work in if you do not believe in it. Please rate your agreement with the above statement.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Disagree

You have access to the internet and a reliable computer

Your online work should be done from a computer rather than a smartphone, tablet, or other device. Your success in the online classroom largely depends on your ability to access the course and resources. Please choose the answer that best suits your situation.

Yes, I have access to the internet and to a reliable computer

No, I do not have access to the internet and a reliable computer

I sometimes have access to the internet and a reliable computer

You have 1-2 back up plans if your internet or computer stops working

The time to create a back-up plan is before you need it! Students in an online, self-paced learning environment should have 1-2 back up plans to ensure technology cooperates with their schedule. Please choose the answer that best suits your situation.

Yes, I have 1-2 back up plans

No, I do not have any back up plan

You understand basic technology skills such as using email, search engines, and word processing

A certain level of technology comprehension is not only required for accessing and participating in your course, but also for a quality and low-stress learning experience. Please rate your understanding of the above technology components.

Do not understand 1 2 3 4 5 Fully Understand

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25-37: Very Strong Candidate for Online Learning

Students who score between 25-37 points will be able to navigate through and fully participate in a self-paced, online course. These students are motivated, possess most of the proper technology, and genuinely believe that online education will help them achieve their professional goals.

Students in this category are outgoing and independent. It's not that they may never have to ask for help, but that they are comfortable asking for help and utilizing resources. Most Propero courses come with ten hours of SMARTHINKING tutoring, and strong candidates know when to use it and how to budget their ten hours. These students are comfortable communicating often with their Propero Academic Coach.

16-26: Moderately Strong Candidate for Online Learning

Students who score between 16-25 points may have some reservations about online learning, course platforms, and initially reaching out to their SMARTHINKING tutor and Propero Academic Coach. With some encouragement, they will eventually utilize these resources.

Students in this category may be slightly overwhelmed with technology, but will become accustomed to asking for help whenever necessary. They will excel in online courses as long as they have a good support system, which is what our SMARTHINKING tutors and Propero Academic Coaches bring to the table.

0-15: Somewhat Strong Candidate for Online Learning

Students who score 15 points or less will more than likely face a moderate amount of obstacles in online courses, and they may not be comfortable asking for help. Online learning appeals to these candidates because of convenience, but they may not realize the amount of self-discipline, self-motivation, and strategic time management skills that online learning entails. These students may feel that online education is not as legitimate as traditional education.

These students may not want to engage with SMARTHINKING tutors or Propero Academic Coaches, although these learning experts continually reach out to them. Students may assume that a shared computer lab is enough of a resource, but it may not be.

However, there is always room for improvement and success. Students in this category will quickly discover the amount of effort required for an online course, and with some assistance, will improve. Their interactions with SMARTHINKING tutors and Propero Academic Coaches will play an important part in the success of these students.