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Most students who take online classes do so for convenience while balancing work schedules and course availability. This environment allows students who are unable to attend a campus program to participate in an online version of traditional face-to-face classes. Learning is still driven by interaction with content material, professor mentoring, and student dialogue. Online courses are designed for self-motivated and disciplined students. As in traditional classes, participation requirements and strict due dates apply. This is not a self-paced program, but rather, another way of becoming a lifelong learner wherein the responsibility for learning is shared by the student and professor.

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