

THE JOURNEY OF ODL Useful 7ips For Students

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his writing might not be able to cover every aspect of Online Distance Learning (ODL) teaching methodology. Even though this teaching method is relatively new, there are a lot of topics for discussion. We would like to share a small part of it and it is written based on our observations and experiences. It's fine to differ and disagree. Please have a look at these learning strategies, which couldshould be beneficial to both you and your students. If you'd like, you can also add to the list.

Watch the teaching videos or listen to voice notes during the designated class schedule. Please do not postpone it because it will be exhausting for you if you do not listen to it on the scheduled day of class. You may not

have the same amount of quality time as you would during scheduled classes, and the aura will not be the same.

Please listen to the audios together with printed materials (notes or books). You are not watching a movie or listening to a song! You are listening to a lecture. Your lecturers may have given you many additional and important notes along the way. You should have a pen and paper handy to jot down key points given in the lecture.

If you prefer the electronic form of note-

taking, you can use any applications or

software available in your devices to accomplish this task. You can instantly jot down, highlight, annotate or edit the notes or materials according to the lecture given. Make dictionaries your best friend, especially if the subject requires a lot of reading. Dictionaries will help you understand complex words and sentences. There are hardcopy and online dictionaries available. You can, at the very least, use Google Translate for this purpose.

Use Google to get instant ideas about certain topics during a lecture. Simply type the topic into the search engine and consider the search results as an initial idea for your class even though it is from Wikipedia. Have you ever heard of Google Assistant? You should try it! It could be useful in providing an overview to the topics discussed.

Do not ignore recorded video or voice notes even though you have attended a live session because you may not have caught all of the points presented in the lecture. Consider it as a revision. You may want to watch or listen to it again as you could discover new information, which will undoubtedly enhance your understanding. Repetition is a mother of knowledge.

Do not wait for others to respond or give **answers.** You must actively participate or

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at the very least respond to your lecturer even if it is as simple as saying 'yes', 'ok' or 'alright'. Be an active student and complete exercises during live/online class so that your lecturer can instantly check and respond to your work.

Do not let the session end with questions in your head. Make sure that everything is clear right away. Ask yourself, do I fully understand all the points in the lecture? What might I have overlooked? If time is limited, make an effort to ask your lecturer before the next session begins. It is not a good idea to group all of your questions at the end of the semester. That is a big NO!

Additional notes:

- Get quality sleep
- Eat healthy food
- Take a break during a live session (short one!)
- · Organized your study space and materials
- Prioritize tasks (leisure versus study)
- · Less complaints, more appreciations
- Be positive, you can do it!
- · Communicate with friends or lecturers, don't be shy or reserved
- Be open to new ideas

Last but not least, BE HONEST, INDEPENDENT AND SELF-RELIANT. Enjoy the classes and be happy.

We are aware that the list above can be expanded and we encourage you to add to it.

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