

AIMS ONLINE

ONLINE CAMPUS

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Online learning is an increasingly popular way for people to get access to the courses and knowledge they need. Online classes appeal to students with rigid schedules or transportation barriers that might prevent them from attending on-campus classes on a regular basis. With advising and proper planning, students can complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree on the Online Campus.

In Aims online courses, you learn entirely online, using your computer with Internet access. Some classes require one on-campus

orientation session and/or testing in an on-campus lab or at another proctored site.

The course content is presented through web pages, audio/video presentations and other means.

Communication tools, such as web-based chat rooms, message boards and e-mail, allow students to interact with the instructor and other classmates.

You will cover the same material in the same amount of time as students in a traditional classroom setting, but your learning experience will be no less demanding; you'll have to be disciplined and motivated to get the most out of your online learning experience.

Before you enroll in an online class, consider the following:

People who learn effectively in an online setting are:

- Self-motivating and willing to accept responsibility for their own learning,
- Self-disciplined, able to budget their time effectively and willing to stick to deadlines,
- Comfortable with technology, especially web-based and Internet technologies,
- Willing to accept the challenge of being an independent learner,
- Willing to take the initiative and contact their instructor when they have questions or concerns regarding the course,
- Able to communicate well in writing,

• Aware that the flexibility inherent in many online courses does not mean the course will be easy.

In addition, to be successful at online learning you must have:

- Reliable access to the Internet, including an up-to-date web browser such as Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Firefox, or Safari.
- Access to other technologies as required for each course. These technologies may include a microphone and/or web camera. Consult the instructor for details.

Online tutoring is available for students enrolled in selected online courses. Please visit the Academic Resource link on the student tab for additional information. Other student services, such as advising, financial aid, admissions, registration, library, and bookstore are also available to the online student through the Aims web site.

If online learning suits your style and meets your needs, then consider enrolling in courses in Aims Community College's Online Campus.

