

Each semester, as I read the student evaluations, I find that students often make excellent suggestions. From time to time, I have incorporated these ideas into the course. One semester I thought I would take this one step further and ask current students to make suggestions to the next group of students. I asked them anonymously, what they wished they had known or what advice they would like to give to other students. Below is **EXACTLY** what each student wrote.

Analysis for Advice for the Next Class - individual response list
Total Responses = 19

Question: Short Answer/Essay

1. Allow yourself plenty of time to complete all of your assignments, instead of doing them all at once.
2. *No Response*
3. Set aside a block of time each week for assignments. Its VERY easy to put off school work when you work on the net. This course will test your dedication and focus. If you are looking for an "easy" course, may I suggest Quantum Physics 'cause this aint it! You really DO get out of this course what you put into it.
4. The best piece of advice I wish I had listened to was the part about scheduling yourself. This is important, the end of the semester will be a lot less stressful if you are already done or almost done.
5. My advise to you: Don't let Test Anxiety get the best of you because the tests are timed. Your textbook will help you cope with Test Anxiety (refer to page 417 and the specified places in Chapter 16 and 18--these are very helpful).
6. The advice that I would give anyone taking an Internet or self-study class is to know yourself. Make sure that you are able to dedicate the time that it takes to learn a subject simply from a text and other materials and not rely on someone to teach it to you. Schedule your time as if you were taking it at the campus and always have a goal of when you will complete the tests and papers. Professor Palumbo allows a lot of freedom for one to complete the work and one can fall behind and then sacrifice grades and knowledge in order to complete the course. Internet courses allow you the ease of learning with flexibility, access to information, and unlimited communication with your instructor. I was prepared for the independent learning of the Internet classes. I have enjoyed them tremendously because of working at night to be home with my three children. If it were not for the Internet courses, I would not have been able to complete classes due to schedule restrictions.
7. My advice would be to keep up on the reading. Stick to a schedule. Don't read too many chapters before taking a test. Try the experiments for each chapter you do, it will help you understand the chapter.
8. ASK QUESTIONS!!! This is important!! Make certain that you know the course requirements and policies or else you may panic at the end of the semester! Also, use the internet! This is after all an internet course and there is a wealth of indormation available!! Also, the alternative exercises to the PSYCH.TREK exercises are FUN and they count towards the required 3!! Forewarning, THEY ARE ADDICTING!! :)
9. Actually it was advise that WAS given but I feel it would have made this course easier if I had taken it! It was suggested to set a schedule in order to accomplish the required work and send it to the professor. The most important part is to set a schedule - post it somewhere - and DO IT !! Taking an internet course is convenient but all too often gets nushed aside ("I'll get to it later...") due to our busv lifestyles.

10. Balance your time out is the most important thing. I pretty much wrote out my assignments early and typed them to the internet site late. I don't recommend that, just send in assignments when you finish them on paper. I wish someone had told me to send in my work when I finished it on paper and not send it in at the last minute.
11. I would advice to set up a schedule based on the reading and assignments and STICK TO IT!!! An internet class is too esy to slack off on or put off when you become busy. Set aside time very day or every other day to dedicate to the class.
12. Advice for people next semester is not to procrastinate on your work. Don't wait until last minute to do the work. Set a schedule for yourself and make a day to do each thing. I wish somebody would have given me the same advice.
13. The most important advice I could give is to set up reasonable goal oriented time schedules for completing the work. If not, you may forget that the due date for all work to be submitted is fast approaching. Pick 1 day a week for this course only and then stick to it.
14. I was advise when I enrolled into this course that it was not as easy as it may seem, boy, were they right, I started off on the right start, I got ahead of the game before classes even began, but one wrong move and I was behind and I did realize that I was not as self disciplined as I thought. It is always nice when you can learn at your own pace, but you do have a somewhat time schedule to follow. So, if you don't think you can make a schedule for yourself and stick to it with no interruptins what so ever then this may not be the class for you. I think my only problem was I was taking two of these kinds of courses at the same time and one is more than anyone can handle along with a regular class schedule. I would definatley reccommend thinking long and hard about taking this course via internet, the teacher is great if I had it to do over again, I would have rather sat in her class and went at her pace. Her pace is fine with me. Good Luck to you all!!!!
15. I would advise trying not to get behind, or setting a schedule for yourself. Also, don't be afraid to be a bit extreme if it works for you (i.e. completing all the tests during a free week), because the course is very flexible.
16. I would advise them to manage their time efficiently. I would advise them not to take a nontraditional course if they can not manage their time effectively. I wish someone would have told me not to take so many nontraditional classes at the same time because of the difficulty of managing your time.
17. The advice that I have is to set up a schedule at home that you can stick to when using the Internet. It is extremely easy to forget what is due, when it is due and when you have a test. You must log into blackboard daily so you are not caught off guard.
18. Keep up with the class because it is very easy to fall behind. And you might want to read the chapters before taking the tests.
19. Although you can make it easy, don't take it easy. Don't take for granted that you'll have plenty of time to complete a paced, internet course. Plan accordingly. Incorporate it into your schedule as though you had to go to the classroom. Communicate with your teacher. Don't be afraid to ask questions. If problems occur in your life, let the instructor know as soon as possible. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance. Major thing: ask about the tests and how the computer deals with them. Have fun!