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Take Control of Your Online Learning: Tips for Deaf College Students



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COVID-19 has made colleges and universities around the United States switch to online learning for everyone – including [deaf](#) students like you.

Whether you have taken an online class before or are new to this, remember: accommodations don't stop because you are now learning remotely. Here are some strategies for you to take control of your online learning and set yourself up for success.

Your Online Learning

TIPS FOR DEAF COLLEGE STUDENTS

1

Make an Access Plan. Connect with your Disability Services Coordinator (DSC) about your accommodations for online classes. Make sure to discuss changes to your schedule and adjust accommodations as needed.



2

Set Up Your Space for Learning. Find a space with good lighting and seating that's away from others in your home. Download all software needed, check your internet connection, use an ethernet cable when you can, and keep your electronics charged.



3

Advocate For Your Needs. Know Your Rights. If you are getting pushback about your access accommodations, don't give up! Be persistent and discuss why you need them with your DSC and instructor.



4

Stay In Touch With Your Instructor. Contact your instructors to discuss accommodations you need for online classes. If you need extra time or alternative assignments, ask.



5

Confirm All Media Is Accessible. Online classes and all related materials must be ready with captions, interpreting or other access options. To avoid getting stuck without the information you need, try to confirm your access ahead of time.



6

Know Who to Contact. For access or technical issues, reach out to the appropriate people at your college for support. This could be your instructor, tech support staff, or DSC.



7

Remember to Take Care of YOU. The struggle is real with the transition to online classes. Make sure to practice self-care to finish out the semester. **You can do this!**



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