

How to succeed in an online semester

1. Lectures will be a mix of pre-recorded videos, live tutorials and possible additional tutorials. The exact format varies with the professor. Be aware of when you have sessions that should be attended live. Some professors may record their sessions, some may not.
2. Do your best not to fall behind. If you do get behind, don't panic. Try to get caught up.
3. Consider some form of a daily/weekly to-do list or check list.
4. Set aside more time for a video lecture than you anticipate. A 90-minute video lecture can easily take between 2 and 2.5 hours to get through, as the professors may not pause as in a traditional, in-person, lecture. This means you may need to stop or rewind the video in order to take notes or fully understand the material.
5. Watch the video lecture intently the first time. It may take longer than you expect, but it is time well spent. You can then revisit the video later to review a topic.
6. Take breaks as you see fit. This will help you keep focused and prevent from becoming fatigued. In normal, in-person, lectures lasting longer than 1.5 hours, a break was included.
7. Stay active. Online courses do require a lot of time at your computer. Even getting up and walking around for a few minutes during a lecture can help. Don't forget to go outside, but don't get Corona.
8. Try to establish a routine early on that works for you. For example, one session in the mornings for watching videos, one session in the afternoon for reviewing tutorials and for revision. 50/10 example.
9. Have a work set up where you know you can be productive. Make your workspace comfortable. If you like quiet, make it quiet. If you like cool colourful pens, get some cool colourful pens. Home, living room, café, UB, etc. Follow all local regulations.
10. Keep track of the material from each course. A list of the video lectures to watch, the tutorials, the additional tutorials, the readings, etc. Having this in one place can help keep track week to week.
11. Do not hesitate to reach out to professors, the tutors, and other students, either by email or via online video office hours.

GOOD LUCK!!!

Micro 1	February 18
Computational	February 22
Macro 1	March 12
EPPC	March 25