MYTHS About Online Courses

Myth # 1 - I can do my course work anytime

Fact: Although you can login to work on your online class anytime day or night, most online assignments and tests have specific deadlines. Your online instructor will let you know what your due dates are.

Myth # 2 - Online classes are easier and less work

Fact: The fact they are online makes online courses even more demanding and time consuming than traditional classes. Online classes also demand extensive reading and time management skills!

Myth # 3 - "My computer is broke" is an acceptable excuse

Fact: With the ability to use computer labs on campus or at the nearest public library, most online instructors will not accept the excuse your computer wasn't working, or you couldn't access Moodle.

Myth # 4 - Procrastination is OK in online classes

Fact: Due to the nature of technology, you do not want to wait till the last minute to do your assignments, tests, etc. If something quits working, you want to have time to find a replacement.

Myth # 5 - I can cram all my work into one login session

Fact: You will have a number of deadlines to meet and discussions to complete in an online class. Logging in once a week or so means you may easily miss important due dates. It is your responsibility to know what's due and when.

Myth # 6 - I cannot get personal attention in an online class

Fact: Some students feel that there is even more attention in online classes since both the instructors and classmates are online almost daily.

Myth # 7 - PCC will provide me a computer for this class

Fact: Except for the computer labs on campus, the college does not provide you with a computer. It is your responsibility to have or locate access to a computer and the Internet.

Myth # 8 - I will be taught how to use a computer as part of my online class

Fact: Your instructor will focus on the subject matter for the class, and will expect you to know how to use your computer and the Internet.

Myth # 9 - I don't have to "talk" with anyone to take my online course

Fact: Since there is little "face-2-face" contact, you may actually "talk" with the instructor and classmates even more than in a traditional class! Most online courses have lots of interactions via discussions, email, and chat sessions.

Myth # 10 - Online courses do not follow the regular semester dates

Fact: At PCC, online classes have the same start and end dates as their traditional counterparts. Payments, scheduling, drop/add, and withdrawal deadlines are the same for all classes, including online.