

# KEY STRATEGIES FOR STUDYING ONLINE

## Use Flexibility to Your Advantage

While it's likely you'll be working full-time in addition to pursuing your degree online, you will have one essential tool at your disposal to help you account for the extra demand on your schedule: **Flexibility**.

## Personal Goals Can Be Key

Try **setting weekly deadlines** and challenging yourself to complete as much work by them as possible.

## Stay Consistent

**Set aside one night a week for readings**, another for written work (papers, problem sets, etc.), another for discussion board posts and, if necessary, schedule office hours with your professor.

## Make Connections

Make an effort to get to know your classmates through whatever social media channels you can; **perhaps start by looking them up on LinkedIn**.

## Seek Out Support

Lean on your friends, family, coworkers, and whoever else you think might be receptive to offer you support. You can use them to **keep you accountable for your goals**.

## Focus on the Finish Line

A graduate degree is a serious investment of time, money, and energy, but **the payoffs are often immense**.

