



## Information regarding online classes:

Many of our online classes fill up quickly. If you plan to take an online class, register for it early.

Online classes differ from regular classes in several ways:

- You will need regular and frequent access to a computer and to the internet; plan to login to your online class at least 2 – 3 times each week.
- You should be comfortable using a computer, browser, and word processor; some classes will require you to use additional software.
- If you plan to take an online class, you should plan to spend about 3-4 hours per week per credit hour. That's 9-12 hours per week for a 3 credit class, about the same total time you'd spend on a class that you physically attend – and you won't have to commute to campus.
- Reading and writing are the main ways you will communicate with your instructor and classmates, so we recommend that you do not enroll in an online class if you are taking an English course below the 101 level. You will interact with your instructor frequently in most classes, but it will be mostly via email, discussions, web conference, phone, or chat, rather than face-to-face.
- You need to be a “self-starter.” You will need to motivate yourself to stay on track with your coursework, without the physical presence of an instructor, and you will need to be able to manage your own time and schedule.
- You can “attend” class anytime, day or night.
- You will need to install special (usually free) software on your computer for some classes.

You can find more information about taking online classes at <http://www.la.unm.edu/elearn> .