



Online Courses FAQs

How are online classes different from traditional classes?

- **Time:** Online classes require more time than traditional classes. Because there is no face-to-face lecture, you have to ask and answer questions by e-mail, phone, and/or fax. Also, class discussions take place online rather than in person.
- **Computer skills:** Students taking classes online must be familiar with several computer applications, including sending and receiving e-mail with attachments. You also must have some basic Internet navigational skills before beginning an online course. Many courses also involve Internet researching skills. * **Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you are currently enrolled in or have successfully completed SCT 100 before attempting a course online.**
- **Reading Skills:** Although courses often include audio and video, you must have strong reading skills to succeed in an online environment.
- **Self-discipline:** Online classes work best for highly motivated students who are self-disciplined and can learn independently.

Are online courses self-paced?

While online courses are flexible, they are not entirely self-paced. Assignments still have due dates. But unlike in a traditional class, you can work at any hour you like – whether it is 5 p.m. or 5 a.m.!

Is online learning for me? If you are still unsure about whether you will succeed in an online learning environment, go to the GVTC web site to take a self-assessment and to complete an Internet tutorial. You can access this page at the following web address:
<http://www.gvtc.org/forme.asp>

Now that I have passed the above “tests,” how do I register? You can register with your assigned MGTC advisor for any online course offered by this institution. A list of online courses is available on the MGTC web site (<http://www.middlegatech.edu>). You can also register for online courses on the GVTC website (<http://www.gvtc.org>).

Once I am registered, how do I get started?

Once you have registered for an online class, you must contact your instructor. It is your responsibility to make sure the instructor has your current e-mail address. Without it, you cannot access the course site.

Where do I go for technical help?

First, contact your instructor. If you are unable to reach him or her, contact the GVTC Coordinator, Mr. Dann Webb at 988-6800 ext. 4023.