

PROS AND CONS OF ONLINE COLLEGE VS. TRADITIONAL COLLEGE

ONLINE COLLEGE

- + Flexibility allows students to balance school with work, family and other commitments.
- + 24/7 accessibility removes barriers like commuting and rigid schedules.
- + Access to instructors, academic counselors and resources such as an online library, or math or writing centers, are often just a click away.
- + Self-motivation and time management skills are developed.
- + Emphasis on written communication helps students hone important career skills.
- Requires a high level of self-discipline and personal accountability.
- Often requires more written assignments.
- Lacks face-to-face interaction that some students thrive on.

TRADITIONAL COLLEGE

- + Physical presence in the classroom helps foster accountability.
- + Offers face-to-face interaction with peers and instructors.
- + Structure and routine may help students who prefer scheduled classes and in-person environments.
- Commuting and strict schedules can be barriers, especially for those balancing multiple responsibilities.
- Less flexibility can make it more difficult to manage coursework around life's demands.
- Less autonomy is available to self-disciplined learners who want to move through coursework at their pace.
- Managing on-campus parking, attendance and requirements can add stress.