

ONLN 1100 - STRIDE Online Student Orientation

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Course Information

Course ID and Name: **ONLN 1100 - STRIDE Online Student Orientation**

Course Description:

Provide online students a comprehensive guide to accessing major campus services online, primary functions of participating in D2L, engaging resources for mental health and wellbeing, and finding further information about financial aid.

Length of Course: Full Spring or Fall Semester (15 weeks)

New Online Course or Redesign: **New Development**

Course Objectives

CO 1. I should be able to recognize effective methods for successful learning in an online course.

CO 2. I should be able to recall what steps to take to engage campus services through the MTSU website.

CO 3. I should be able to remember how to participate in learning activities in D2L.

CO 4. I should be able to remember how to access online resources for mental health and wellbeing.

CO 5. I should be able to determine how to make use of online resources for financial aid.

CO 6. I should be able to determine how to utilize resources available for academic assistance.

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CO 11. 0

Are you able to change these course objectives? Yes

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Module Topic Areas and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

In accordance with online best practices as outlined by [Online Learning Consortium](#) and [Quality Matters](#) guidelines, all modules should include the following:

- Module Overview / Welcome
- Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)
- Course Objectives Aligning with SLOs
- Instructional Materials
- Activities and Assessments
- Module Summary and Next Steps

What follows are the topics formatted into a course map where you will work with your assigned ID as you review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and their associated course objectives.

Building the map further, you will identify instructional materials (readings, media, etc.). Please include guiding questions or focus statements to provide context for each item. Introduce the materials with a brief narrative that explains its purpose and value to the student. When possible, connect it to course topics, objectives, activities, and assignments.

Additionally, describe the activities and assessments you will use. Once you decide on the activities, *consider your instructions and what you are looking for from each student* to add here.

Lastly, consider how you will wrap up the module, summarizing key elements of learning. Prepare your students for the next steps in their learning experience by including a brief narrative of how this topic connects to the next or prompting students to make their own connections with concepts from module to module.

The Summary / Next Steps information can be added as sub-module or included in the course as a prepopulated / scheduled news item. Use this space to create a draft of that information.

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TOPIC: Module 0: All About Learning Online	
Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)	Course Objectives Aligned with This Topic and SLOs
<i>SLO 1. I should be able to discern effective strategies for learning in an online classroom.</i>	<i>CO 1. I should be able to recognize effective methods for successful learning in an online course.</i>
Module Overview / Welcome	<p>Dear Online Learners,</p> <p>I am thrilled to welcome each of you to our virtual classroom. Whether you are joining us from near or far, I am excited to embark on this learning journey together. This class is all about learning online and what it means to be an online learner. It is my intention that this will be both enlightening and inspiring.</p> <p>I understand that learning in an online environment presents unique opportunities and challenges. Please know that I am here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please contact me and I will help you in whatever I can.</p> <p>Let's make this a memorable and rewarding experience. Together, we will discover new perspectives, acquire valuable skills, and learn how to navigate the online learning platform of D2L.</p> <p>Once again, welcome! I look forward to getting to know each of you and exploring the exciting world of MTSU Online!</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Course Facilitator</p>
Instructional Materials	Online Learning vs. Classroom learning infographic (savable) Course Syllabus

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	<p>Course Schedule Earn Your D2L Course Badge</p>
Activities and Assessments	<p>MTSU Disability & Access Center Get Your True Blue ID! Microsoft Office 365 (where to get your copy) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Video Walkthrough for downloading Microsoft Office 365○ Downloading Microsoft Office 365: Step-by-Step○ Microsoft Office 365 completion assignment Online Learning versus Classroom Learning: What's the Difference? <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pros and Cons of Online Learning vs. In-Person Learning○ Recommended Tools for Effective Online Learning○ Find My Advisor MTSUshouldknow! <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All About MTSU○ Evolution of the "people's university"○ What It Means to Be True Blue!○ 5 Interesting Things on MTSU Campus Title IX and MTSU Online <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What is Title IX? Why is it Important? The True Blue Pledge: What It Means to You Assessment: Module 00: Online Learning Review Quiz</p>

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Module Summary and Next Steps	<p>In this module we learned about interesting places on MTSU campus, the True Blue Pledge, what it means to learn online, the essential aspects of learning online, downloading and using your copy of Microsoft Office 365 and what we can do to manage the experience of learning in a classroom without walls.</p> <p>Next Steps: Online Learning Inventory Checklist</p> <p>Let's take an inventory check, as we would before traveling! Do you have your MTSU Pipeline, D2L, and email login information saved somewhere? How will you be accessing your online classes? Do you have the necessary media for saving your work if you are using a different device than usual?</p> <p>Savable Infographic Checklist.</p>
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TOPIC: Module 01: How Do I Use D2L as an Online Learner?

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)	Course Objectives Aligned with This Topic and SLOs
<p><i>SLO 1.</i> I should be able to remember how to participate and complete course assignments.</p> <p><i>SLO 2.</i> I should be able to remember how to contact my instructor using D2L messaging.</p>	<p>CO 3. I should be able to participate in learning activities in D2L.</p>
<h3>Module Overview / Welcome</h3>	<p>We are excited to embark on this online learning journey with you through D2L (Desire2Learn)! Whether this is your first experience with online education or you're returning to further your studies, D2L offers a versatile platform designed to support your academic success from anywhere with an internet connection.</p> <p>Throughout this course, you will have the opportunity to engage with course materials, participate in discussions, submit assignments, and collaborate with peers—all within the D2L environment. This platform is equipped with tools to facilitate interactive learning experiences, ensuring you receive the support and resources necessary to achieve your learning goals.</p> <p>As you navigate through D2L, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with its features and functionalities, such as accessing course content, communicating with your instructors and classmates, and tracking your progress. Effective utilization of these tools will not only enhance your learning experience but also contribute to your overall academic growth.</p> <p>Remember, your success in this online learning environment depends on your active participation and commitment. We are here to support you</p>

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	<p>every step of the way, so please do not hesitate to reach out to your instructors or support staff with any questions or concerns you may have.</p> <p>We look forward to a productive and enriching learning experience together in D2L.</p>
Instructional Materials	<p>D2L Course Home: An Interactive Guide</p> <p>STRIDE Video Tutorial: basic navigation in D2L Video</p> <p>Saving documents in D2L: Step-by-Step Visual Guide</p>
Activities and Assessments	<p>How Do I navigate D2L?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ D2L Course Home: An Interactive Guide○ STRIDE Video Tutorial: basic navigation in D2L <p>How Do I save files/documents to my computer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Saving documents in D2L: Step-by-Step Visual Guide○ STRIDE Video Tutorial: Saving Course Documents○ Learning Activity: View and Download an MTSU Calendar <p>How Do I contact my instructor in D2L?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Learning Activity: Message Your Course Facilitator <p>How Do I Complete Assignments in D2L?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How Do I Take a Quiz?○ How To Take A Quiz and view Calendar

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Module 01: MTSU Online Learning quiz <p>Submitting Assignments in D2L: Upload and Submit a Sample Assignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sample Assignment 01: Document Upload <p>How Do I Participate in Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Let's Talk!
Module Summary and Next Steps	<p>In this module we learned about how to use D2L as an online learner. You have taken the first and most significant steps in online learning: learning how to interact and participate with the e-learning platform.</p> <p>Next Steps: If you have access to other classes on D2L, take an e-tour of those classes, save the documents, and get a head start on any learning activities available. If you come across something that is missing, does not work, or seems out of place, contact the instructor and let them know, it's a great way to be proactive in keeping your digital community as up to date as possible.</p>

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TOPIC: Module 02: Resources and Assistance for Mental Health and Wellbeing

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)	Course Objectives Aligned with This Topic and SLOs
<p><i>SLO 1.</i> I should be able to remember how to utilize mental health resources through MTSU online.</p> <p><i>SLO 2.</i> I should be able to remember how to access resources for wellbeing.</p>	<p>CO 2. I should be able to recall what steps to take to engage campus services through the MTSU website.</p> <p>CO 4. I should be able to remember how to access online resources for mental health and wellbeing.</p>
<h4>Module Overview / Welcome</h4>	<p>Online Learners,</p> <p>As you embark on your academic journey here at MTSU, we want to take a moment to highlight a crucial aspect of your overall success and happiness: your mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>College life is exhilarating—filled with new experiences, friendships, and opportunities for personal growth. However, it can also be demanding and challenging. Balancing academic responsibilities, social life, and possibly work commitments can sometimes feel overwhelming.</p> <p>In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of mental health among college students. Research shows that mental wellbeing is not just about the absence of mental illness but also encompasses factors such as resilience, coping mechanisms, and emotional balance. A positive mental state contributes significantly to your ability to learn effectively, build meaningful relationships, and navigate the inevitable ups and downs of college life.</p> <p>Moreover, college is a time of transition and self-discovery. It's a period when many of you will be exploring new ideas, confronting different perspectives, and setting the foundation for your future careers and personal lives. Ensuring your mental health is in good shape allows you to make the most of</p>

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	<p>these transformative years and sets you on a path towards long-term success and fulfillment.</p> <p>Throughout your time here, we encourage you to prioritize self-care and seek support whenever you need it. Whether it's through counseling services, campus resources, or simply reaching out to friends and mentors, know that there are always avenues for support available to you.</p> <p>Together, let's cultivate an environment where your mental health and wellbeing are valued and nurtured. By doing so, we can create a community where each of you can thrive academically, personally, and emotionally.</p> <p>Warm regards,</p> <p>MTSU Online</p>
Instructional Materials	<p>Mental Health America: Self-assessment screenings for mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and many others.</p> <p>Relationship Quizzes: assessments to evaluate the closeness of your relationship and help you understand your strengths and weak spots as you connect with a loved one.</p>
Activities and Assessments	<p>Learning Activities:</p> <p>MTSU Accommodations for Online Learners</p> <p>BlueID</p> <p>MTSU Writing Center Document Drop</p> <p>How To Access Tutoring Services</p> <p>How Can I Use the University Writing Center?</p> <p>Solutions for Laptop and Equipment Accessibility Concerns</p> <p>Assessment: Let's Talk! How Are You (really) Doing? Discussion forum</p>

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Module Summary and Next Steps	Mental health and wellbeing matter and the MTSU online community is here to support, encourage, and guide you in your educational journey. Please know that you are not alone, you are a part of the True Blue Community wherever you are! We are in this together!
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TOPIC: Module 03: How Do I Find information related to Financial Aid	
Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)	Course Objectives Aligned with This Topic and SLOs
<p><i>SLO 1.</i> I should be able to remember how to utilize Financial Aid services through the MTSU website.</p> <p><i>SLO 2.</i> I should be able to remember how to access information regarding MTSU Career Services.</p>	<p>CO 2. I should be able to recall what steps to take to engage campus services through the MTSU website.</p> <p>CO 5. I should be able to determine how to make use of online resources for financial aid.</p>
Module Overview / Welcome	<p>A True Blue Education is affordable! As you begin your journey here, it's important to recognize that navigating the financial aspects of college and planning for your career are crucial components of your success and future fulfillment.</p> <p>Understanding how to finance your education through financial aid, scholarships, and other funding opportunities is a significant first step. Whether you're exploring federal aid options like grants and loans, seeking scholarships specific to your field of study, or considering part-time work opportunities, there are resources and experts available to guide you through this process.</p> <p>Additionally, planning for your career starts now. Our career services team is dedicated to helping you explore career paths, develop essential job search skills such as resume writing and interviewing, and connect with internship and job opportunities. Whether you're uncertain about your major or have a</p>

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	<p>clear career goal in mind, our services are designed to support you in every stage of your professional development.</p> <p>At MTSU, we believe in providing comprehensive support to ensure that your academic journey is not only fulfilling but also financially manageable and aligned with your career aspirations. Our goal is to empower you to make informed decisions and take advantage of the opportunities available to you.</p> <p>Throughout your time here, I encourage you to explore the various resources and services offered by our financial aid and career services offices. They are here to assist you in achieving your academic and career goals.</p> <p>We are here to help! Please, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.</p>
Instructional Materials	<p>MTSU Cost of Attendance charts (downloadable PDFs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate Fee Chart• Graduate Fee Chart• Materials Fees• Miscellaneous Course Fees – Fall 2024• Specialized Course Fees• Program Services Fee• Flight Training Cost Summary• Fee Adjustments (dropping or withdrawing)
Activities and Assessments	<p>Learning Activities:</p> <p>MTSU Career Development Center</p> <p>MTSU Career Development Center: Handshake Account creation</p> <p>Jobs@MTSU</p> <p>MTSU Career Development Center: Handshake Account creation</p>

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	<p>Assessment:</p> <p>Assignment Uploads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• learners will visit the career services website and will post a screenshot of their completed enrollment in Handshake.• learners will go to the financial aid webpage and will complete the cost of education projection worksheet based on their unique situation. Learners may either screenshot or save their estimated cost of education and will submit it to an assignment Dropbox.
Module Summary and Next Steps	You have options available in earning your degree at MTSU. In this module we reviewed financial aid services and options offered by MTSU. Your goals matters and Financial Aid services is committed to helping you explore and identify which pathway is best for you in earning your degree.

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TOPIC: Module 04: How Do I Find Resources for Academic Assistance?

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)	Course Objectives Aligned with This Topic and SLOs
<p><i>SLO 1.</i> I should be able to remember how to utilize tutoring services Student Success Online.</p> <p><i>SLO 2.</i> I should be able to remember how to contact my academic advisor through Student Success Online.</p>	<p>CO 2. I should be able to determine what steps to take to utilize campus services through MTSU's website.</p> <p>CO 6. I should be able to determine how to utilize online for academic assistance.</p>
Module Overview / Welcome	<p>Navigating college-level coursework can sometimes present challenges, but you are not alone in this journey. Our institution is committed to providing comprehensive academic assistance, tutoring services, and supplemental instruction to help you excel in your studies.</p> <p>Whether you're seeking help with understanding complex course material, improving study strategies, preparing for exams, or simply looking for additional academic support, our tutoring services are tailored to meet your needs. Our dedicated tutors are experts in their fields and are here to assist you in mastering challenging subjects and enhancing your academic skills.</p> <p>Furthermore, our supplemental instruction programs offer structured study sessions designed to reinforce course content and provide collaborative learning opportunities. These sessions are led by experienced peer leaders who have excelled in the courses themselves, offering valuable insights and strategies for academic success.</p> <p>We encourage each of you to take advantage of these resources early and often throughout your academic journey. Whether you're facing academic challenges or aiming to enhance your learning experience, our academic assistance programs are here to help you thrive.</p>

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	<p>As you settle into your studies at MTSU, remember that seeking help is a sign of strength and determination. We are committed to supporting your academic goals and ensuring that you have the tools and resources needed to succeed.</p> <p>Best wishes for a successful and rewarding academic year ahead.</p>
Instructional Materials	MTSU Academic Assistance Resource List
Activities and Assessments	<p>Learning Activities:</p> <p>MTSU Accommodations for Online Learners</p> <p>BlueID</p> <p>MTSU Writing Center Document Drop</p> <p>How To Access Tutoring Services</p> <p>How Can I Use the University Writing Center?</p> <p>Solutions for Laptop and Equipment Accessibility Concerns</p> <p>Assessment: Know Your Advisor: upload a screenshot of your designated academic advisor to the assignment Dropbox.</p>
Module Summary and Next Steps	Your success matters and MTSU's Student Services Online has resources available to assist you in our academic journey. In this module we reviewed resources available for Student Success and how to access those services.

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TOPIC: Module 05: What If...?

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)	Course Objectives Aligned with This Topic and SLOs
<p><i>SLO 1.</i> I should be able to remember how to find resources related to visiting MTSU campus.</p> <p><i>SLO 2.</i> I should be able to remember how to find information related to accessing campus events virtually.</p>	<p>CO 2. I should be able to determine what steps to take to utilize campus services through MTSU's website.</p> <p>CO 6. I should be able to determine how to utilize online for academic assistance.</p>
Module Overview / Welcome	<p>What if...</p> <p>In this module we will consider the handful of What If's and What To Do's related to the online learning experience, visiting MTSU campus, and who to contact if you have a concern and would like to speak to someone directly.</p>
Instructional Materials	<p>Campus Map PDF document</p> <p>MTSU Important Phone Numbers, Office Locations, Hours</p>
Activities and Assessments	<p>Learning Activities:</p> <p>Map That: planning a visit to campus? Great, we have a map! Locate and download the PDF campus map on the MTSU website.</p> <p>Events: MTSU offers many events that are livestreamed. Locate the Activities and Events page on the MTSU website.</p> <p>Watch This: True Blue TV is MTSU's educational resource channel. Locate the programming schedule on MTSU's website and watch the news story on MTSU Online programs by WKRN News 2.</p> <p>Who's Who and There For You: you need help and don't know who to contact or how to contact them. Let's find the MTSU Online support team.</p>

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Module Summary and Next Steps	In this module we reviewed the handful of What If's and What To Do's for online learners who wish to be involved with campus events and activities.
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Instructional Materials

Are Publisher resources used: **No**

Description of Resources

Student Interaction / Engagement

Are there any learning activities requiring student-to-student interaction? **Yes**

Description of Interaction / Engagement

Discussion boards for text interaction as well as posting images and videos.

Additional Information