

Modesto Junior College

Student Academic Contract for Online Courses

Online college classes are different from traditional classroom-based learning insofar as they require a more participatory and collaborative effort on the part of both faculty members and students.

Online courses require at least as much study time and effort as regular classroom courses.

Students can benefit far more from the online learning experience if they understand what is required for effective learning and if they actively and enthusiastically participate in all aspects of the online learning experience.

To facilitate student understanding and to promote maximum student participation, Modesto Junior College requires that each online student read and agree to the following commitment.

By enrolling in this Modesto Junior College online course, I agree to abide by the following conditions.

I agree to:

- 1) update my computer so that it is able to run software required for the course
- 2) complete the online "Student Orientation"
- 3) go online at least three times every week to check assignments
- 4) actively participate in threaded/online class discussions
- 5) work cooperatively with fellow students on group assignments
- 6) spend sufficient time during to course to complete the required reading, tests, and assignments on schedule.
- 7) notify the faculty member, **in advance**, of any unexpected class absence

In return, your faculty member has agreed:

- 1) to be regularly online and available to students
- 2) to respond to student inquiries promptly. If faculty will be off email for more than 36 hours, they will give students advance notice whenever possible.
- 3) to monitor and, when appropriate, to participate in class threaded/online discussions
- 4) to provide prompt evaluations of student assignments and tests