Online Learning

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2014 Important Dates:

Summer
Online Orientation Starts: May 2
Classes Begin: June 2
Last Day to Drop 100% Refund: June 7
Last Day to Add: June 7
Last Day to Withdraw: July 21
Classes End: July 25

Full Fall Semester & 1st 8-week Classes
Online Orientation Starts: July 18
Classes Begin: August 18
Last Day to Add Classes: August 24
Last Day to Drop 1st 8 week Class 100% Refund: August 31
Last Day to Drop Full Semester Class 100% Refund: August 31
Last Day to Withdraw 1st 8 week Class: October 7
1st 8 Week Classes End: October 10
Last Day to Withdraw Full Semester Class: December 1
Classes End: December 19

Fall 2nd 8-week Classes
Online Orientation Starts: September 12
Classes Begin: October 13
Last Day to Add/Drop: October 19
Last Day to Withdraw: December 1
Classes End: December 19

Getting Started Online Summer & Fall 2014

Computer Requirements
You must have access to the Internet to take an online class. While high speed Internet access is not required, it is recommended. You also need a computer that meets the specifications below. Mobile devices do not meet these requirements.

Minimum PC Specifications
- Windows XP, Vista, 7, or 8
- Mac OSX 10.5 “Leopard” or 10.6 “Snow Leopard”
- 1 GB of hard drive space
- 56kbps modem or better
- 512 MB Ram
- Sound card with speakers
- Processor speed: 500 Mhz or higher
- Check the recommended browsers which are listed on the Blackboard log-in screen at: https://allencc.blackboard.com
- Cookies enabled
- JavaScript/active scripting enabled
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Accessing Your Courses

- Go to https://allencc.blackboard.com
- Login
  • Username: Your student ID number
  • Password: First four letters of your last name and the last four numbers of your Social Security Number (i.e: smit1234). If your SSN does not work, try replacing the numbers with 9999.

Before Classes Begin

Online Student Orientation
This orientation is available to all online students approximately one month before classes begin. The orientation is optional but highly encouraged for student success.

Online Student Resource Center
The Resource Center contains helpful information for online students.

When Classes Begin

On the official start date of the courses, you will be able to access your courses through Blackboard. Please note that you will not be able to access your courses before their official start dates.

myAllen

- Go to http://my.allencc.edu/ics

myAllen is your source for Allen services and information. You can use myAllen for email, financial aid, payments, unofficial transcripts, calendars, and much more.

Home
The Home tab provides links to Allen’s website, Blackboard, and your Allen email. It is important to check your Allen email account on a regular basis, as it is the email address that instructors and the college use to communicate with students.

Academics
The Academics tab allows you to view and print your course schedule, course history, unofficial transcripts, and grade reports. You will also be able to view your ESPs (Early Student Progress reports) as well as calculate a projected GPA.

Finances
The Finances tab allows you to view and print your financial aid award, 1098 T information, and your course and fee statement. You can track your financial aid progress and determine what documents are still needed to complete your financial aid. You can pay your bill or sign up for the FACTs payment plan.

Textbooks

Allen operates a textbook rental program for students. The textbook rental cost is $10 per credit hour. Specialized classes may require the purchase of a book or workbook.

Textbooks may be mailed to you or picked up from either campus. To arrange for textbooks to be mailed or for additional questions please contact:

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