

407:007 Online@Iowa

Course Description

Electronic tools such as websites, email, and databases have become a large part of our lives. This is true of life at the University of Iowa, too. Many instructors expect you to use electronic resources at Iowa from the first day of classes. Knowing how to use the digital tools available at the University will enrich your student experience and assist with your academic success. This course helps you develop your skills for staying in touch, researching, avoiding plagiarism, registering for classes, protecting your computer's security, and reviewing your grades – among other activities – all from your own computer screen.

The course runs for 11 weeks with weekly quizzes; however, students are encouraged to finish early. All course materials are available on the course website. There are no class meetings, but the instructor provides assistance. The course is graded on a Satisfactory/Fail basis.

How Online@Iowa Works

1. The course is available on August 25, 2008, the first day of the Fall semester. You will receive an e-mail to your uiowa.edu account the first day of the semester to remind you to immediately begin the course. To begin the course, you need to follow the instructions at:

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~online>

You'll need an Internet connection and a web browser such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Netscape Navigator. You can use your own computer, if you have one with Internet access, or you can use the computers in the University's Instructional Technology Centers (ITC). *Note that if you use your own computer, problems with your computer or your own Internet connection are not an excuse for failing to meet course deadlines!*

2. You will use your HawkID and HawkID Password to log into the course. The login process is fully explained at the website.
3. All communication for this course will be sent to your uiowa.edu email address.
4. To complete the course in 11 weeks, you should begin studying the course materials during the first week of classes. Plan to spend several hours each week on the course.
5. You must pass ALL quizzes at 80% or higher to pass the course. You may take the quizzes more than once.
6. If you need help, you can contact your instructor (instructions are on the course website).
7. We strongly recommend that you finish the course before Thanksgiving Break.
8. If you decide not to complete the course, you must follow the same procedures and deadlines for withdrawal (November 3) as for any other course. Contact your advisor immediately if you need to drop the course.

Online@ Iowa is not a self-paced course -- there are deadlines each week for each quiz, which must be met or you will fail the course. You can work ahead, however, and complete quizzes before the week that they are due (and we strongly encourage this).

You are required to use your uiowa.edu e-mail address for all correspondence related to this course. For this reason, do not forward your uiowa.edu e-mail to another account (such as Yahoo Mail, Hotmail, gmail, or any other e-mail provider).