3. Requirements

Online learning at Canisius College can be an extremely rewarding experience. However, there are a few technology and personal requirements you must meet in order to be successful. Listed below you will find the key points.

Canisius College Login Requirements

Your official Canisius College username and password will be mailed to you once you are registered for a program or course. If you have not received your username and password or you have any questions about them, please contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@canisius.edu.

Technology Requirements

- Computer and a strong, high-speed Internet connection.
- Chrome or Firefox Browser.

Hardware Requirements

It is recommended that all online students have a Web cam and headset for synchronous sessions and multimedia projects. Here are the tools we recommend:
Textbook Requirements

The Canisius College Bookstore Web site allows you to search for and order new, used, rental, and digital textbooks, along with other merchandise. Click here to access the Canisius College Bookstore Web site.

Time-Management Requirements and Expectations

- Log in to participate and complete assignments 4-7 times a week.
- Be open when working with others and sharing ideas.
- Learn and utilize class technology.
- Complete assignments on time.
- Be self-motivated and self-disciplined.

Netiquette Requirements

Please remember that when communicating online, it can sometimes be difficult to gauge a person’s emotions and tone. Please remember these golden rules when communicating online:

1. Think twice about posting in discussion. Is your post off topic? Is it really meant for the entire class, or just the instructor? Discussions, like
meetings, should be kept solely on topic.

2. Use computer courtesy. It is ALWAYS important to be courteous and respectful of others, whether online or face-to-face. Also, everyone is a newbie at some point, and can sometimes appreciate the patience of others.

3. Be brief online, but not too brief. All of your messages and assignments, unless otherwise stated, should be kept between 100-200 words. At the same time, a simple reply post of one sentence in agreement is also unacceptable online. All of your responses and submissions should be thought provoking.

4. Mind your font. Writing in all caps dictates SHOUTING or EMPHASIS, writing in red dictates anger, bold dictates importance. None of the previous are recommended, unless the opportunity presents itself.

5. Obey copyright laws. Do NOT steal.

6. Most importantly, THINK before posting. If you are upset about an issue, write it in a doc and leave it. Come back to it after some time and re-read it. Also, keep personal information, private. See #1.

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