

How to prepare for online classes...

Before classes start, be sure to:



- Prioritize your commitments and create a time management plan.
- Set up your learning and working space—try to find somewhere with few distractions.
- See what materials are required before the start of the semester—use the [HarperStore](#) to navigate required textbooks and course materials.
- Download the [Blackboard App](#) to your phone and/or tablet to access classes 24/7.
- If you have on-campus requirements, download the [Harper College Mobile App](#) to use the interactive map to navigate campus buildings.
- If you have a personal email account, consider [forwarding your Harper email](#) to your personal account to reduce the number of inboxes you check each day.

As classes are starting, make sure to:



- Log into Blackboard to make sure you know where to find class information. Contact Harper's [Student Service Desk](#) if you need technical support.
- Read each course syllabus to become familiar with expectations and deadlines.
- Make note of your instructor's contact information in case you have questions about your class.
- Map out your semester using a calendar or planner so you never lose track of a deadline.
- Engage with your classmates, they can be a huge support throughout the semester so try to make connections early. Try to coordinate a study group to prepare for quizzes and exams.

Throughout the semester, don't forget to:



- Use the [Academic Support Center](#) for writing support, tutoring, and learning workshops to help with test anxiety, note taking strategies, and time management.
- Reach out to your assigned [Academic Advisor](#) proactively—if you feel like you are becoming overwhelmed, talk to them. Your Academic Advisor is your point-person for help at Harper.
- Actively participate in class discussions.
- Self-evaluate how you are doing each week and make adjustments as needed.