

# Monarch Family Connection

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## COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 has presented individuals, businesses and universities across the world with unique and unprecedented challenges. ODU is no different. The health, safety and well-being of our campus community is paramount. Following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Virginia state government's guidance, ODU made the decision to transition to an online education and telework environment for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. We understand that this may be a confusing and daunting time that will impact your student. The University has taken several measures to help our students succeed. We are looking forward to seeing all our students in the Fall 2020 semester and celebrating those graduating this Spring.

The University will continue to post updates on [www.odu.edu/covid19](http://www.odu.edu/covid19).

## Virtual Learning Lingo & ODU Systems Overview

**With the shift to online learning, you and your student may experience some unfamiliar terminology. Here's a list of virtual learning lingo and ODU systems that may help you help your student.**

**Asynchronous** – Asynchronous learning allows learners to go through a course at their own pace and on their own schedule.

**Blackboard** – A web-based course management tool used by faculty to administer course content such as assignments, syllabus and grades.

**Cloud-based** – A term that refers to applications, services or resources made available to users on demand via the Internet from a cloud computing provider, such as Box or Google Drive.

**DegreeWorks** – A tool designed to assist advisors and students with course planning, measuring progress toward program completion, and curriculum advising.

**LeoOnline** – ODU's student information system. LeoOnline houses personal information, grades, transcripts and more.

**Lockdown Browser** – A custom browser that locks down the testing environment within Blackboard. When students use Respondus Lockdown Browser they are unable to print, copy, go to another URL, or access other applications.

**myODU Portal** – A web-based, personal gateway for official ODU information, with direct access to many university services. The portal pulls together the ODU online resources you need most.

**Synchronous** – When learners participate in an online learning course at the same time but in different locations, it is known as synchronous learning. Synchronous learning allows learners to interact with the instructor and other participants.

**WebEx** – A cloud-based web conferencing service that allows users to meet online and share content.

**Zoom** – Zoom is a cloud-based web conferencing service that allows users to meet online and share content.

**Information and Technology Services is available at [itshelp@odu.edu](mailto:itshelp@odu.edu).**

# TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN ONLINE CLASSES

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

**CLASS IS VIRTUALLY IN SESSION**

As of Monday, March 23, ODU will virtually conduct all classes online through the entire spring semester. We understand that the shift from in-person classes to online may be new and jarring territory for some students. That's why we've compiled a list of quick tips to help guide our Monarchs for a successful spring semester and onward!

- CHECK ODU EMAIL AND BLACKBOARD DAILY
- COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR PROFESSORS, OFTEN
- SET A SCHEDULE OR "CLASS TIME" TO DO WORK
- FIND A GOOD STUDY SPACE
- SET REMINDERS FOR DUE DATES, EXAMS AND PROJECTS
- LIMIT DISTRACTIONS, AVOID SOCIAL MEDIA WHEN DOING WORK
- TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND STAY MOTIVATED

## REIGN ON

Fall 2020

Registration

is now

OPEN



### Important April Dates

March 30: Course registration is on-going. Students can register for Fall 2020 classes according to their time-ticket. Registration for summer is also available.

April 26: Last day to withdraw from classes with a W.

April 27: Deadline for students to select P/F option.

ODU has adjusted several policies to assist our students in succeeding during this time, visit [here](#) for a full review of altered policies.

