



Should I Enroll In An Online Course?

- *Would you like to be able to "attend" classes from the comfort of your bedroom or living room?*
- *Are you a parent who doesn't have the time to take classes in the evening or on weekends?*
- *Is a hectic work schedule keeping you from being able to drive to campus during the work week?*
- *Are you anxious to attend classes and earn a degree in spite of all that is taking place in your personal life and the world around you?*

If you answered yes to any of these questions, ask yourself, "Is an online course for me?" To help in your decision, follow these steps:

Step 1 – Determine your "Online Readiness"

The University System of Georgia's Student Online Readiness Tool (SORT) helps you to determine whether online learning is for you. Click on the following link, complete the questionnaires and review the feedback. The information obtained will assist you in understanding what to expect in an online course.

Visit <http://www.alt.usg.edu/sort/> to begin your assessment.

Step 2 – Check your Computer Hardware and Software

One of the challenges many face with enrolling in and completing an online course is the accessibility to the required and recommended software and hardware. Different institutions, and even different courses within the same institution, have varying technology requirements. Check your hardware and software systems to determine it's compatibility with the online course you have selected.

Hardware configurations recommended for online study:

- 2 Gigahertz P4 CPU with 512 Megabytes of RAM (or of similar performance), 40 Gigabyte Hard Drive
- CDRW
- USB port(s)
- 10/100 Ethernet Adapter for Broadband and/or 56K Data Modem for dialup network connection
- WiFi 802.11 a, b or g. Wireless network adapter (Laptops only & only if Wireless network connectivity is offered on campus)
- Sound card, and speakers or headphones
- 1024 x 768 Monitor Resolution
- Printer

Operating Systems recommended for online study:

- MS Windows XP for PCs
- MAC OS 10 for Apple Macintosh

Application Software recommended for online study:

- MS Office

****Remember, requirements for online study vary from institution to institution and from course to course. Check with your instructors or online course coordinator for these requirements.*

Step 3 – Check your Internet Browser Compatibility

Is your internet browser compatible with the recommended specifications of an online course?
To determine this, click on the following link:

<http://www.usg.edu/usgweb/browserchecker/>

Step 4 – Get Your Username & Password for WebCT Vista

After completing steps 1 – 3, you should now be able to make a well-informed decision to pursue online study. It's time to begin. The following steps will guide you in obtaining a username and password as well as provide you with information on support services available.

Continuing and current WebCT users:

If you have used WebCT Vista at AMC, *your Username and Password are still valid.*

New students and new WebCT users:

- **For Username:** *Contact your Course Instructor*
- **For Password :** *Use the Pin number obtained during the registration process*

When will my Name & Class Appear in Vista ?

- *Two Business Days after Course Registration*

Now You Are Ready To Login!

URL for WebCT Vista: <http://atlm.view.usg.edu>

???Have Additional Questions???

For help with password and other technical support issues:

- Contact our 24/7 Online Support Center (**1-877-708-2910**) with your Username.

Use this link: <http://help.view.usg.edu> or

- Contact the AMC WebCT Vista Administrator with your **Username**

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