

Is Teacher Mediated Option for Me?

Completing this questionnaire will help you decide whether Teacher Mediated study is for you.

- | Yes | No | Respond yes or no for each statement and score as directed below. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. I have a specific need to take this course. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. I attend school and my school is unable to accommodate my course requirements. My school supports the TMO program and can provide the necessary resources (speaker phone, classroom, proctor). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. I am comfortable working independently on my studies in order to learn. However, I enjoy opportunities to engage in class discussions with my classmates and instructor. I benefit from the support of my classmates and from class discussions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. I am comfortable emailing or phoning somebody with whom I am not familiar. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. I am willing to engage in discussions using the teleconference delivery method to support my own learning and the learning of my classmates. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. I am willing to make a commitment to spend the time required to complete this course in a maximum of 13 weeks (1 semester). I understand I am required to attend teleconference sessions for 4 forty minute sessions in a six day cycle. I understand that I will need to spend an additional 5 hours (approx) per week outside of scheduled class hours in order to successfully complete my course. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. I am an organized and self-motivated individual, and I have good study skills (e.g., I set personal goals and meet the deadlines). However, I would benefit from regular contact with my instructor, and regular pacing of the course content. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. I can read and understand complicated text without help. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. I know how to support my learning with audio and video resources or other media formats. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. I am willing to do all the work required to prepare for the tests/exams. |

Scoring

Add 1 point for each statement for which you responded with a "yes."

If you scored 7 or higher, TMO courses are a real possibility for you.

If you scored 5 or 6, TMO courses may work for you, but you need to make a few adjustments in your schedule and study habits to succeed.

If you scored 4 or less, TMO courses may not currently be the best learning alternative.

Explanations

1. Teacher Mediated Option (TMO) students who have an urgent reason for taking the course are more motivated to complete the course.
2. Students whose schools are unable to accommodate their course requirements, may find TMO to be a good alternative.
3. Students taking TMO courses use the Independent Study Option (ISO) course material and need to be able to work independently. Approximately 60-70% of the course work must be completed outside of the teleconference schedule. The TMO program offers support from the instructor, support from classmates, interaction with fellow classmates, and the benefit of regular pacing. For students who find working independently to be challenging, TMO may be more suitable than ISO for students who require the support of a classroom.
4. TMO students will have access to an instructor by email or toll-free phone outside of the regular teleconference times. Instructors can be contacted for individual tutoring.
5. Students are encouraged to participate in the class as much as possible. Instructors will use a variety of teaching styles and may require students to participate in class discussion. Students can benefit from learning from classmates throughout the province, gaining many perspectives on relevant topics.
6. Students who follow a regular weekly schedule are more likely to successfully complete the course. TMO classes are scheduled into a timetable, and students are either participating in a teleconference session or working in a supervised environment on their courses.
7. TMO courses require self-discipline, organization, study skills, and a willingness to complete course work outside of scheduled classes. Regular contact with the instructor and fellow classmates and regular assignment deadlines may be a motivating factor in the successful completion of the course.
8. TMO students use ISO course material that require students to read a lot of text since most of the learning material is in print.
9. Some TMO courses have resource materials (e.g., textbooks, CDs and/or DVDs). Students are expected to learn from these materials since test or exam questions may be derived from them.
10. When students have worked through the course material, they will be more prepared to write the supervised tests and exams.