Profile of a Successful Student

Successful online students engage in these types of behaviors:

1. Actively participate in the course.
   a. They remain in engaged in discussion board activities.
   b. They thoughtfully respond to other students’ postings.
   c. They keep an open mind when reading texts and consider historical time periods before generating discussion and while writing.
   d. They secure good Internet connectivity and check email and the course if not each day, every other day.

2. Interact with others
   a. Students ask questions of one another and their instructor
   b. They give encouragement wherever appropriate.
   c. They raise dissenting opinions where appropriate.

3. Stay on schedule
   a. Students plan their work in order to allow plenty of time to accomplish tasks.
   b. Plan for interruptions and technology problems by saving work in multiple places and “scheduling me time.”

4. Use good study habits
   a. Students read the assignments
   b. They do required work, so timely feedback may be offered for improvement.
   c. They heed their instructor’s advice when making revisions but also learn to make judgment calls about their work.
   d. Keep all school related materials in one place.
   e. Work only when rested and well-fed (which isn’t often for most of us, I know, but do try.)
   f. Re-read assignments when necessary for further understanding.
   g. Always ask questions.

Most importantly, successful online students set out to have fun in the course and expect to learn new things! I know you will not be disappointed!