

Notice to Ferris Students: Online Tutorial and Quiz Now Required Prior to Summer Registration

Before completing your Summer 2013 registration, students wanting to register for fully online classes through Ferris first need to complete an online tutorial and quiz.

Why?

We have learned through survey responses from students who took online courses that they have felt unprepared or struggled to navigate an online course successfully.

In the Summer 2012 semester, 178 students participated in a tutorial for Ferris' online learning system, FerrisConnect (Blackboard 9.1 version). Of those who completed the post-tutorial survey, 87% thought that a similar tutorial was needed for students who have never taken an online course. In other words, your peers said learning how to navigate the online learning system *prior to* starting your course would likely help you to be more successful!

Many Ferris professors agree with your peers. In a survey of Ferris faculty in 2011, over 81% said that students should be provided orientation to the online learning platform prior to taking a fully-online class. Our professors want you to be successful too!

What Exactly Will I Learn in this Tutorial?

The online tutorial covers the most often used skills within an online course: 1) How to use the discussion board; 2) How to submit assignments; 3) How to view assignment grades; and 4) How to send email and messages. The tutorial also covers how to access the classes within FerrisConnect.

When Should I Take the Online Tutorial?

You can take the online tutorial well in advance of registration for Summer 2013. The orientation will be available as of December 10, 2012, at www.ferris.edu/online/preparation. We suggest you take it right away so that you are completely ready to register for your summer courses when they become available. Once you have completed the tutorial, your student records will be updated within 24 hours and will indicate that the orientation prerequisite has been completed.

What if I Have Already Taken Online Classes?

For those students who have successfully performed in one or more courses in the new FerrisConnect system, you may submit a waiver form requesting that you be allowed to waive this requirement. As part of the form, you must agree that you have the requisite skills to perform within the fully online environment.

Who Should I Contact with Questions?

If you have questions about the process or the tutorial, please contact us at FerrisOnline@ferris.edu.